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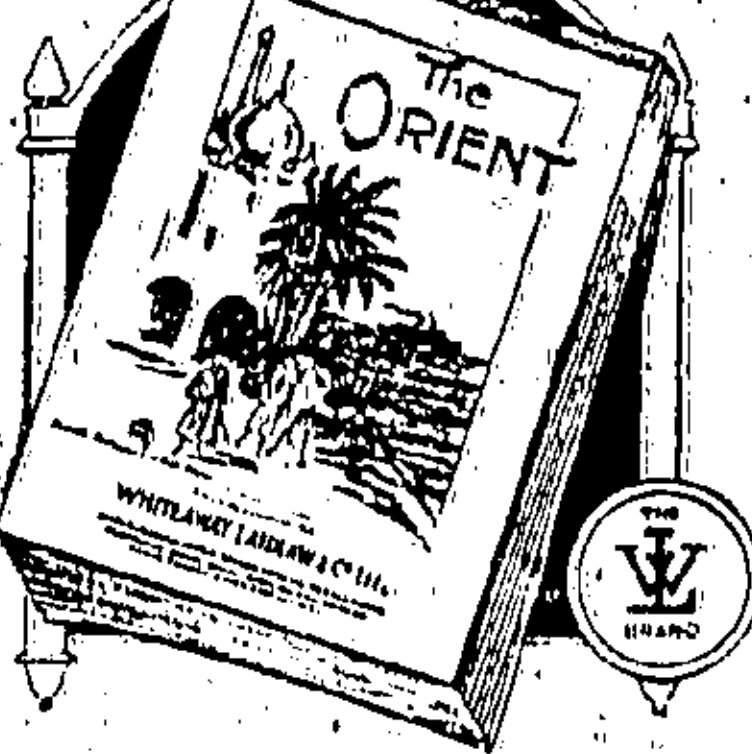
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THREAT OF TROUBLE.

"Clash Between Moderates and Extremists."

KIUKIANG ANXIETY.

"The Safety of Foreigners on Shore Doubtful."

Latest wireless messages received in Hong Kong by the Naval authorities indicate the danger of further trouble at Kiukiang, where a clash between Moderates and Extremists of the Nationalist Party is expected, making the safety of foreigners on shore doubtful.

ICHANG UNEASY.

Handing Over the Hankow
Concession.

The following wireless mes-
sages have been received by the
local Naval authorities:—

The delay in answering the La-
bour Union terms respecting the
clash between Bluejackets and
stevedores is causing uneasiness
at Ichang.

There are no further develop-
ments to report at Hankow.

A meeting was held there yester-
day for handing over the Con-
cession to a Sino-British Council.
More troops have proceeded
down-river.

Coming Clash.

"A clash between Moderates
and Extremists of the Nationalist
Party is expected," states a mes-
sage from Kiukiang, "making the
safety of foreigners on shore
doubtful."

All is quiet at Wuhu where
most of the troops have left for
Taiping. The civil authorities
there have either disappeared or
have been made ineffective. The
Kuomintang committee is quiet-
ing and all appears quiet,
there having been no anti-foreign-
ism or riots since Saturday.

Large numbers of Chihli and
Shantung troops have arrived at
Pukow and crossed to Nanking.
Hostilities between unknown
forces are progressing in the
direction of Taiping, the result
also not being known.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

Questions Regarding Cost
"Most Unfair."

London, March 15.
The question of Shanghai con-
tributing toward the cost of the
Defence Force was again raised
in the House of Commons by Mr.
P. A. Harris (Labour) who also
asked whether British citizens
domiciled there paid any British
income tax.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Financial
Secretary of the Treasury, in re-
ply, referred to the answer given
on March 14. He said that a Briton
domiciled in Shanghai was liable
to British income tax on any in-
come derived from Britain.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour)
asserted that during the war Britons
in Shanghai escaped the super tax
and all forms of taxation,
such as the excess profits tax.

Mr. McNeill said he did not
know that they were subject to
any special exemption during the
war. They were subject to the
usual rules just the same as any
other residents outside the United
Kingdom.

Sir Harry Brittain (Conserva-
tive) declared that the people of
Shanghai were doing everything
they could to defend their own
city and these questions were
most unfair.—Reuter.

[A London cable dated March
14 stated: In the House of Com-
mons, replying to Comdr. Ken-
worthy (Labour), Sir Austen
Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary,
said that the Municipality of the
International Settlement of
Shanghai had not offered to pay
any part of the cost of the
Shanghai Defence Force, nor had
he approached them on the mat-
ter. All the Powers interested
had made their own preparations,
naval or military, for the defence
of their subjects, and doubtless
all had incurred expense in so
doing, but as far as he knew
none of them had approached the
Municipality.]

LABOUR POLICY.

Leaving Britons in China To
Their Fate.

London, March 15.
Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.C., who
is contesting "Southwark" as
an independent constitutionalist
against Mr. Strauss (Liberal) and
Mr. Isaacs (Labour) has issued

an election address explaining
that he left the Labour Party
because their policy in China
"would leave our fellow citizens
at Shanghai exposed to all the
danger of riot, looting and mur-
der in the midst of a civil war in
which our country had no con-
cern."—Reuter.

[A London cable dated Feb. 28
stated: Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.C.,
a member of Parliament, has re-
signed from the Labour Party
owing to disagreement with the
Party's attitude over the ques-
tion of China.]

COME TO STAY.

Labour Leader and Canton
Government.

London, March 16.
Addressing an election meeting
at North Southwark, Mr. Ramsay
MacDonald, the Labour leader,
describes as absolutely asinine the
statement that British Labour's
position was that British subjects
in China and elsewhere should be
handed over to the mercy of sol-
diers and enraged mobs.
Criticising the Government's
delay in tackling the Chinese pro-

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Number of Deaths Still
Declining.

Rugby, Mar. 15.
The number of influenza
deaths continues to decline. In
London there were 49 deaths
last week against 69 the previ-
ous week, and in 105 great
towns there were 572 compared
with 893.—British Wireless
Service.

blem, he said it had been quite ap-
parent for eighteen months that
the Canton Government was not a
mere passing military one.

For good or evil the Canton
Government was going to be a
government foreign nations would
have to negotiate with if they
were going to make any settle-
ment with China.

Mr. MacDonald restated La-
bour's views in support of diplo-
matic negotiations, but opposition
to sending troops with a lot of
illustrated publicity. He pointed
out that there had already been
the necessary protecting force on
the spot at Shanghai.—Reuter.

SUN YAT-SEN MEETING.

London Chinese Legation's
Statement.

London, March 15.
The Chinese Legation in Lon-
don states that it was not the
Chinese Charge d'Affaires, Mr.
Chen, who addressed the Sun Yat-
sen meeting mentioned on March
12 but a Chinese student named
Cheng.—Reuter.

[A London cable dated March
12 stated: British, Japanese,
Chinese and other admirers of the
late Dr. Sun Yat-sen assembled at
the Chinese Legation, London, to-
day and paid tributes to his mem-
ory. The Chinese Charge
d'Affaires delivered the prelimi-
nary address, standing before a
sort of altar decorated with flow-
ers, above which hung a portrait
of Sun Yat-sen surrounded by a
laurel wreath. Dr. Sun Yat-sen's
declaration of policy made on his
death-bed was then read, and sub-
sequently Mr. George Lansbury
made a speech attacking capital-
ism. After the audience had
saluted the portrait, a band played
the Chinese National Anthem, and
the "Internationale."]

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE.

Taking Sides With Neither
Faction.

Paris, March 15.
That France would not be drag-
ged into the Chinese situation
unless the lives and property of

NAVAL PARLEY.

France Still Holding
Aloof.

DIFFICULTIES OF AN 'OBSERVER.'

Paris, March 15.

The new effort by the United
States to obtain France's co-
operation in the disarmament
conference is not likely to be more
successful than the first, accord-
ing to an indication of the feelings
of official circles, where the gen-
eral attitude indicates that the
Government is not likely to follow
up the original idea of sending an
observer.

It is pointed out that the pres-
ence of an observer would be at-
tended by serious drawbacks, as
French naval forces would come
up for discussion, while the ob-
server would be unable to refute
opinions contrary to French doc-
trines, and by silence would ap-
pear to subscribe to those opin-
ions.

Therefore it is presumed the
Government will not participate in
the conference. The Cabinet
lengthily discussed the reply and
will finally draw up the text at a
meeting on March 19.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Last Year's Increase Nearly
Wiped Out.

Rugby, Mar. 15.

The decrease in unemploy-
ment continues. The latest
weekly return records 1,144,000
workless, which is 25,383 less
than the week before. It is
50,018 more than a year ago, so
that the increase caused by last
year's labour troubles has been
nearly wiped out. British
Wireless Service.

FLOODED OUT.

TROOPS BEAT A HASTY
RETREAT.

The troops at Fanling are ex-
periencing anything but Hong
Kong's best camping weather but
there appears to be no danger of
their being flooded out. They
will remain there until the end of
the month and then return to
Kowloon for local billeting.

Three hundred of the troops in
camp at Chatham Road were
"flooded out" and have since been
accommodated in quarters in
Kowloon.

her nationals were threatened was
the burden of a speech in the
Chamber of Deputies by M.
Briand, the Foreign Minister.

Replying to questions M.
Briand declared that the Govern-
ment still held the opinion that it
was unable to take any side in
the Chinese civil war.

He pointed out that only one
French warship was in Chinese
waters, while the policy of the
French concession at Shanghai
had been reinforced by a few
companies of Amantites.

M. Briand added that apart
from the Northerners and South-
erners they had to reckon with
the official Government at Peking.

M. Briand declared that the
League of Nations could not in-
tervene in the civil war, although
if Europeans were molested or at-
tacked, the League might take up
the question, in which case France
would do her utmost to bring
about action by the League.—
Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Soldiers, and a Socony
Launch.

Peking, March 14.

Chinese soldiers on March 13
interfered with a Socony
launch near Wuhu. The U.S.S.
"Pebble" went to her assistance
and put an armed party aboard.
Later, while she was escorting the
launch, soldiers fired on the
vessels, 12 miles from Wuhu.
The "Pebble" bridge was hit
twice, but there were no casual-
ties. The "Pebble" replied with
machine guns.
The American Consul at Han-
kow has been instructed by the
U.S. Legation to investigate and
if it finds that the Nationalists
are responsible to lodge a pro-
test.—Reuter.

"SAVING FACE."

Prisoner's Trip From
Jail.

WING ON CASE ECHO.

There was an echo at the
Supreme Court this morning of
the well-known Wing On Bank
case which resulted in two Chinese
business men being sent to prison
for forging a deposit book under
which they had claimed that the
Wing On Bank owed them \$50,000
for moneys deposited.

Au Kim-lui, one of the men in
question, appeared under Habeas
Corpus powers from the prison
and made the original claim
against the Bank which had been
dropped when the Crown institut-
ed proceedings against him and
others for fraud. He was under
the custody of a warder.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by
Mr. Bulmer Johnson, of Hastings,
Dennys and Bowley) appeared for
the Wing On Company (directors
of the Wing On Bank).

On the wish of Mr. Justice
Wood, the plaintiff was called into
the witness box. In reply to His
Lordship plaintiff said that he
had given no further instructions
to the solicitors who had repre-
sented him at the original hear-
ing. The hearing of the case to-
day had been fixed by the defend-
ants.

His Former Evidence.
Asked what he wished to do,
plaintiff said that he had given
sufficient evidence in the course
of the Criminal case hearing last
year and he hoped His Lordship
would take this evidence.

His Lordship explained that it
was impossible to do this. In an
application of this sort it would

BRITAIN'S TURN.

War Debt Money From Her
Allies.

Rugby, March 15.

The Italian Government duly
paid to the British Government to-
day a sum of £2,000,000, being
the third instalment payable
under the War Debt Funding
Agreement.

The French Government also
paid a sum of £2,000,000 as a
second payment on account of the
French War Debt.—British Wire-
less Service.

be necessary to go into the whole
thing afresh.

In reply to further questions,
plaintiff stated that he still claimed
that he had deposited with the
Bank on two dates, two sums of
\$30,000 and \$20,000 and that the
Bank was still liable for the
money. Asked what evidence he
had to produce, plaintiff said that
he could not produce any as he
was in prison. He had been in
11 months and the full term was
three years. It would be neces-
sary for him to get in touch with
his partners and others who were
in many cases in Canton or in the
interior of China.

"If They'll Let Me Out."
Asked if he wished to give
evidence himself on the case,
plaintiff said that he would be pre-
pared to do so after he came out
of prison, not before. He could
not be expected to get in touch
whilst in prison with all those
who could speak for him.

His Lordship: Do you, then,
ask for an adjournment until you
come out of prison?

Plaintiff: Yes.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that there
was no reason why such an ad-
journment should be granted. It
meant a postponement for two
years.

Mr. Wood: There is, of course,
the possibility of remission of part
of the sentence.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that they
should ignore that for the purpose
of the case. Such an adjournment
would impose a great hardship on
the defence for the obvious rea-
son that the evidence was volumi-
nous. In Criminal jurisdiction al-
though the hearing had occupied
fifteen days and if the same issues
were fought out again in civil pro-
cedure it would occupy a lengthy
period.

"Suffering The Penalty."
There was also the point of wit-
nesses to be considered, continued
counsel. Many of them might not
be available in two years. There
was no reason why a man who, by
his own misconduct, had been de-
prive of his liberties by the ver-
dict of a jury should for this
reason be granted the indulgence

THE GREAT SEAL.

What It Stands For
To-day.

CHANGES IN THE EMPIRE.

Rugby, March 15.

The Royal and Parliamentary
Titles Bill, which enacts the
changes involved by the decisions
of the Imperial Conference re-
specting inter-imperial relations,
was read a third time in the House
of Commons to-day.

During the passage of the Bill
through committee, Sir John Mar-
riott, (Conservative) moved an
amendment that the Great Seal
of the Realm should be described
as the Great Seal of the United
Kingdom.

The Home Secretary, in reply,
pointed out that the Great Seal
was not the Seal of the United
Kingdom or of the British Par-
liament, but of the King, and in
the time when it was much more
used than it was now, a good de-
scription was given by Matthew
Paris, a chronicler of the 13th
Century, who called it the Key of
the Realm—not of the United
Kingdom but of something greater
than that.

The question of the title of the
new seal depended on the new title
of the King. The new fact with
which we were faced to-day was
that there were no "Dominions
thereto belonging."

The great self-governing
Dominions were certainly since
the last Imperial Conference
co-equal with the United King-
dom. They were not belonging to
this Parliament, and not in any
sense subject to the jurisdiction of
this Parliament.

The great seal would be the
Great Seal of the King, who was
King not merely of the United
Kingdom but of all the Domini-
ons, and the Great Seal from now
onwards would be the Great Seal
of all those territories which
were subject to the dominion of
the King.

He would, however, consult the
law officers of the Crown on the
question with a view to an
amendment being inserted if
necessary in the House of Lords.
The amendment was there-
fore negatived.—British Wireless
Service.

he applied for. Any hardship im-
posed on a prisoner was imposed
as a result of his own misdeeds.

Asked by Mr. Justice Wood if
this were not in the nature of pre-
judging the case, Mr. Jenkin said
that he would say the same if the
plaintiff were in prison for any
other criminal case than the one
with which his present claim was
bound up.

Counsel continued that he had
no idea that the prisoner would be
brought up in connection with the
case, although, of course, the pow-
ers existed under Habeas Corpus.
The inconvenience arising from
the position would be far greater
to the defendants than to the
plaintiff if his application was
granted. There was a great deal
of oral evidence which would not
be available possibly in two years'
time.

Prisoner Declines.

His Lordship: I will put it to
the prisoner that there is no rea-
son why he should not give his
evidence at some later period,
after a short adjournment, and
after he has had time to consider
the books and documents which
will be put at his disposal by the
Court although he is in prison.

This was put to the plaintiff
through the interpreter and it was
explained that full access to the
documents would be given. Plain-
tiff adhered to his statement that
evidence would be required which
he could not produce until he was
a free agent.

His Lordship intimated that he
could not grant the two years'
adjournment. It was for the
plaintiff to decide between the two
alternatives.

His Application Dismissed.

Plaintiff: I cannot give evidence
without having got into touch
with the others who are in Can-
ton and up-country.

His Lordship: I think plaintiff
understands the position. There
is one thing on which he is de-
finite. He will not go into the
witness box unsupported by other
evidence. That being so, I have
no alternative but to refuse his
application. If I may say so,
what he is doing now is merely
to "save face."
Judgment was then entered for
defendants (the Wing On Com-
pany) with costs.

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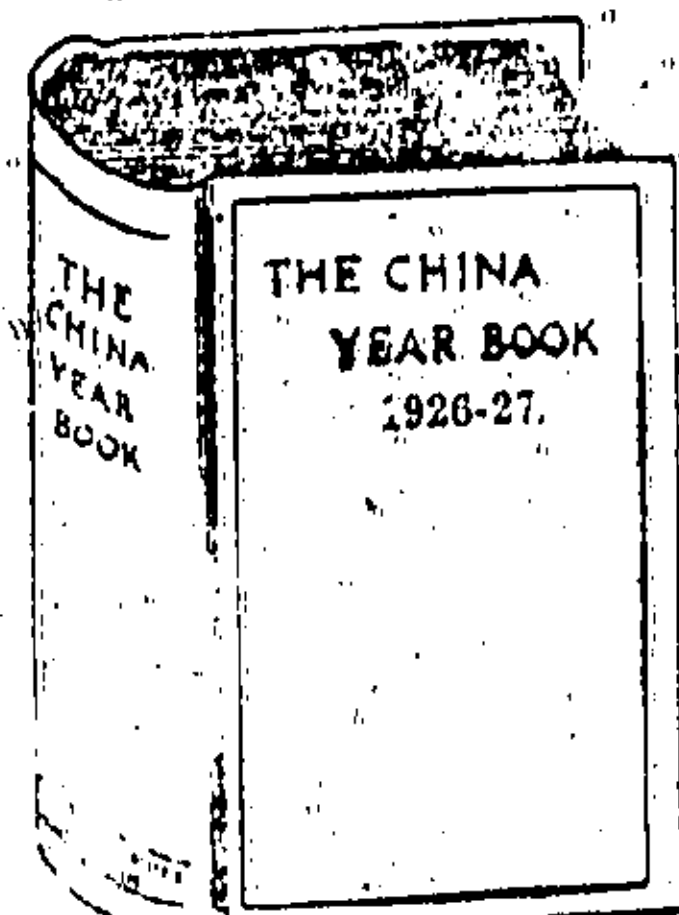
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NOTICE OF MEETING.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March, 1927, to the 23rd March, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following Purposes:—

- To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- To elect the Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
- To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
- To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.
R. E. GREENSMITH,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th March, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th day of March, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1927, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927.

MID-LEVELS.

ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES REVIEWED.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The year's activities were reviewed at the annual meeting yesterday of the Mid-Levels Residents' Association which was held at the Ladies' Recreation Club under the chairmanship of Mr. W. A. Dowley.

The report, read by the Chairman, referred to the fact that the present membership was 99 as compared with 95 members enrolled since the formation of the Association, the reduction being due to departures from the Colony and other causes.

Reviewing activities, the Chairman said that they had been in communication with the Government on the matter of the provision of a children's playground near May Road Station, the difficulty of obtaining taxis by telephone, the better lighting of Tregunter Path and the use by coolies of the benches near May Road Station. In response to representations by the Committee, the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd. had met the wants of residents using May Road Station by providing adequate shelter there.

The Committee hoped that residents of levels other than that of May Road would bring to their notice any matter which they thought could be usefully dealt with by the Association.

After the adoption of the report the following Committee was elected:

Mr. W. A. Dowley, chairman, Mr. C. P. Marcel, vice-chairman, Messrs. A. L. Shields, T. A. Martin, J. H. Bristle, E. S. C. Brooks, J. H. Backhouse, Mrs. G. J. Harman and Miss Russell. Mr. W. G. Joseph, the hon. secretary and treasurer, seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the matter of the children's playground being raised again by Mr. Brooks, Mr. Joseph replied that so far as could be gathered it was in danger of being shelved by the Government but the incoming Committee would do their best to keep the matter before the Government.

The question of a motor road through the mid-levels was raised by Mr. A. L. Shields who asked if the Association had approached the Government on the question. He said it seemed to him to be a matter which should be kept before the Government, and suggested that a list of mid-level families, with, if possible, the amount of rents and taxes they paid should be sent in.

**THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
THERAPION No. 1
THERAPION No. 2
THERAPION No. 3**

The chairman in noting the suggestion remarked the road was taken as far as the late Sir Paul Chater's house, but it had not been taken any further.

Miss Russell said it was very difficult to get a chair after seven o'clock at night in Kennedy Road. There was a chair-stand there but the chair bearers did not stay. She added that a 'phone message usually had to be sent up to Robinson Road for a chair after that time.

The complaint was noted.

ACTED IN GOOD FAITH.

Before Mr. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon two Chinese were charged on remand with the unlawful possession of two knitting machines which were alleged to have been stolen.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, who appeared for the complainants, who carry on business at No. 85, Bonham Strand, said the machines were lost last year and were subsequently found by the police in the defendants' possession. Later information was that the machines had been pawned by some unknown person and the defendants had bought them. Mr. d'Almada said he was convinced the defendants had acted in good faith and asked for permission to withdraw the charge.

The Magistrate agreed and ordered the machines to be returned to the defendants.

MOTOR AND RICSHA.

The sequel to the motor accident in Wanchai in which Mr. Nicholson, of the Naval Yard, was thrown from a ricksha, was heard in Major Willson's Court yesterday.

Mr. Nicholson said the car came from behind and the impact was sudden. He was pitched into the gutter, but by good luck did not receive serious injuries. The car drove on after the accident, but witness was able to get its number.

The driver was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$20 compensation to the coolie whose ricksha was damaged.

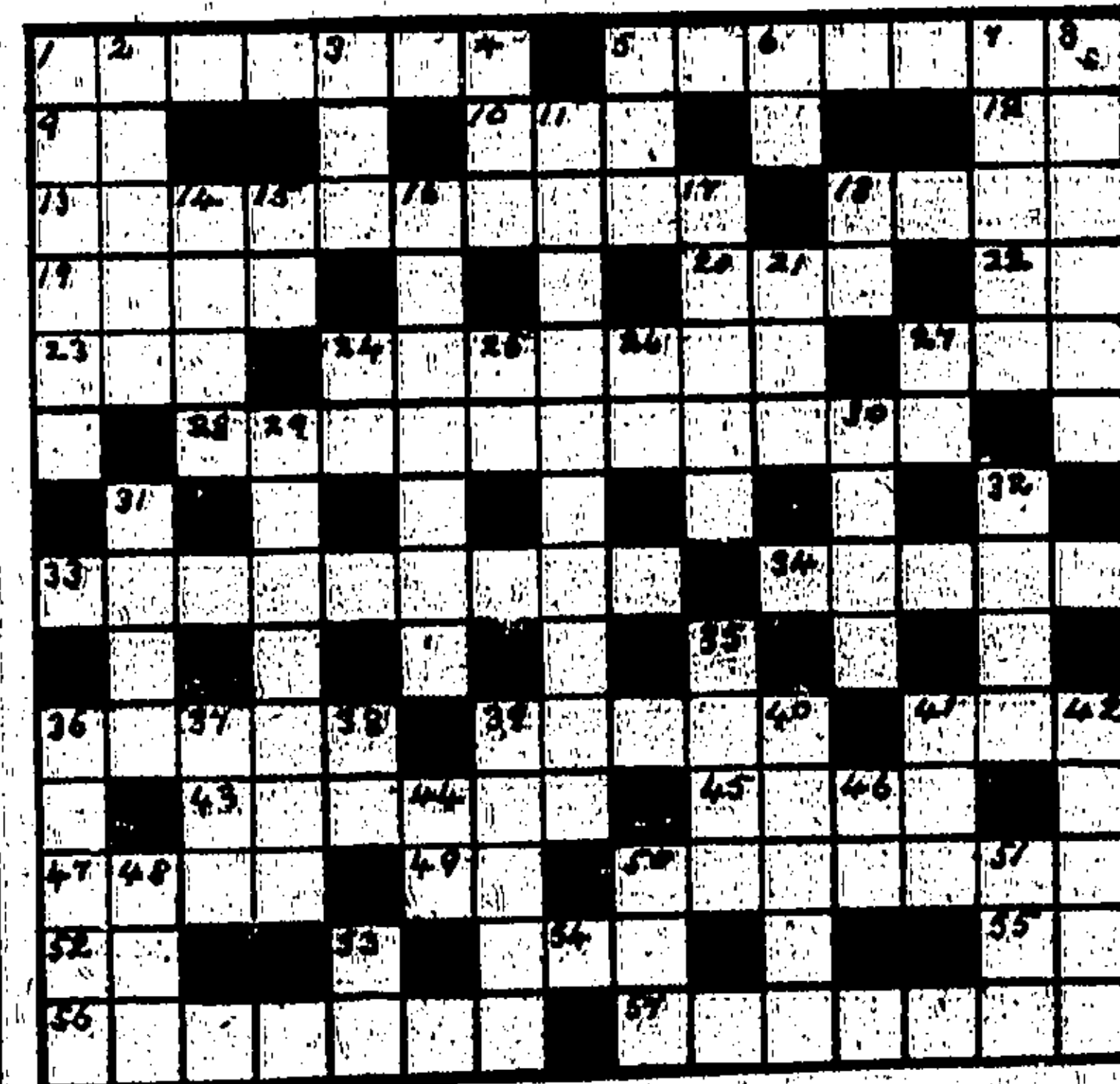
In the exclusive circles which own Prince Henry as a guest, he is earning for himself the title of "The Silent Dancer." The pretty young daughter of a well-known peer confessed to me that Prince Henry, while a most graceful dancer, seems to take the pastime too seriously (says a writer in the "Sunday Chronicle") "The Prince of Wales, now," she remarked, "is a light-hearted, merry sort of partner, who chats all the time he is dancing."

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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- Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
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[In the above puzzle it will be readily apparent that No. 54 across should be in the preceding square.]

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[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, MAR. 21.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

- Causing hurt.
- A figure with nine angles.
- The thing spoken of (pron)
- OMO (actual).
- A Memphis god.
- Excellence.
- A quiet talk.
- Long fish.
- A small but strong horse.
- TU (actual).
- Prefix meaning "Thrice."
- An officer who takes charge of cattle agisted.
- By means of.
- Quality of being most evident.
- Relating to guardianship.
- To make a harsh noise.
- Gateway to an Egyptian temple.
- A dangerous sore.
- Showed the way.
- To enclose by a case.
- Ratio or proportion.
- Electrolyte components.
- Thank you!
- Full of hatred on account of another's success.
- Stretching-beater (abbrev.)
- A stream.
- S. E. (actual).
- A misadventure.
- Plays with.

Clues Down.

- Exactness of treatment.
- Second of two.
- The grampus.
- Male child.
- Abbreviation for "Numbers."
- Word of denial.
- To deliver a public speech.
- The power of growth.
- In a condition in which dimensions are ascertainable.
- OLIO (actual).
- Present of "Ba."
- Covers over with gold.
- A cake made on a girdle.
- Confined to barracks (abbrev.)
- Metal in natural state.
- A V (actual).
- An exclamation of triumph.
- Theosophical Society (abbrev.)
- P. S. (actual).
- Dress fasteners.
- Secure.
- Tax on gods.
- Excellent.
- An aquatic fowl.
- A triangular shaped body of solid glass.
- LIN (actual).
- Northern Counties (abbrev.)
- Practice or custom.
- A crow.
- Fifth sign of the zodiac.
- Portions of medicine.
- Denotes measure.
- A South Pacific tree.
- A Japanese lady's ash.
- The furthest point of any thing.
- Practice or employment.
- Mother.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. There are no prizes if you have not done 24 across words across in full and in what you have done, it may not be the nearest correct solution.

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KATORI MARU Saturday, 22nd April.
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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March, at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 20th April.

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LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Cape Town.

LIMA MARU Monday, 11th April.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

HAKATA MARU Saturday, 26th March.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

AKITA MARU Thursday, 17th April.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

NAGANO MARU Sunday, 20th March.
RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOMIURA MARU Friday, 25th March.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Saturday, 19th March.
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TO-DAY'S UNUSUAL INCIDENT.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed by Lt.-Col. G. P. Hoyle (Magistrate) at the Marine Court this morning on a Chinese boy 13 years of age. On the youth's age being pointed out, His Worship reconsidered the case, and ordered the lad to receive 12 strokes with the birch instead. Without medical examination and without stripping or any of the formalities usually associated with a whipping, the prisoner received his punishment immediately in Court, the cane being handed by the Police.

The charge was one of boarding without permission, at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, the s.s. "President Van Buren". There were two prisoners, the other being an adult male who was found in a passenger's cabin. He strenuously denied a previous conviction. Accordingly, His Worship remanded him till tomorrow, in Police custody, for the allegation to be tested.

The boy was caught on the wharf.

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Surveying operations will be carried out by H.M.S. "Iroquois" between Gap Rock and the Ladrone Islands (to the south of Hong Kong) during April.

Unlighted moored surveying beacons, not more than three in number, may be encountered by shipping. Details as to position will be announced later.

JAPANESE DISASTER.

Training Ship Lost With All Crew.

Tokyo, Mar. 10.
The "Yokohama Maru," a Japanese navy training ship, is believed to have been lost with all on board during the storm on Wednesday. Besides the crew and officers there were 43 students on board.

The "Empress of Canada" received the distress signal but reported that no trace of the "Yokohama Maru" could be found. The "Otaru Maru" and "Sapepa Maru" also reported that they had made an unsuccessful search.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 68 ocean-going vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 22 flew the British flag.
During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 18 arrivals (4 British) and 23 departures (7 British).

S.S. "LING NAM."

TO BE FITTED OUT NEXT MONTH.

HER NEW OWNERS.

It is announced that the twin screw passenger steamer "Ling Nam" has been purchased by Messrs. Williamson and Co. local shipowners. This vessel was last engaged on the South American run, being originally the "Field Marshal," one of the first class German mail steamers running to South Africa.

The "Ling Nam" was held for a considerable time by the Supreme Court in an action by the master and crew for wages due, and for the past 18 months has been lying off Shunshulpo.

The dimensions of the vessel are: length 418 feet, breadth 50 feet, depth 23 feet, speed 14 knots, gross tonnage 9748, classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's.

This vessel is well fitted: The walls of the saloons, smoking room etc. are lined with marble, and the first-class cabins are well appointed. Refrigerating machinery and storage is fitted, also wireless and submarine signalling equipment.

The "Ling Nam" is to be placed in commission next month.

HARBOUR DREDGING.

For dredging the harbour bottom, without permission, in the Naval Anchorage, the master of a fishing boat and the mistress of another boat were each fined \$7 at the Marine Court this morning.

On the voyage between Birkenhead and Port Said, an Asiatic passenger of the s.s. "Durban Maru" (now arrived here) died at sea.

Not many people know that the King and Queen are constant attendants at "the pictures" (says a Home paper's gossip writer.) Not that they go to cinemas. There is a film theatre in Buckingham Palace, which is used a great deal. When the first films of the Duke and Duchess of York's trip arrived they were shown here before the public saw them.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Leave	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Leave	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Leave	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Leave	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
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HAWAII MARU Friday, 8th April.

LA PLATA MARU Thursday, 6th May.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SUMATRA MARU Sunday, 3rd April.

HONOLULU MARU Tuesday, 19th April.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU Friday, 13th March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

BINGO MARU Sunday, 27th March.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

PARIS MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 15th March.

ARIZONA MARU Saturday, 26th March.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKBOI.

MENADO MARU Thursday, 17th March, 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

ABUEN MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 15th April.

JAPAN PORTS

AMUR MARU Wednesday, 16th March.

SOURABAYA MARU Friday, 25th March.

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TAIKWA MARU Thursday, 17th March.

KAJO MARU Sunday, 20th March 10 a.m.

KOTSU MARU Thursday, 24th March 8 a.m.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 27th March, 10 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

SOURABAYA MARU (direct to Takao) Friday, 25th March.

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MACEDONIA	11,320	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	9th April	Marseilles, London, Dunkirk, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,411	30th April	Marseilles & London
NELLORE	8,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHIVA	9,435	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,823	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MORLA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	13th June	Marseilles & London
MAINTUA	10,002	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

*ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
ARAFURA	6,000	25th April	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &c.
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	
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TEESTA	6,293	24th March	Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	6,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,435	15th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,823	20th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MORLA	10,953	25th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,000	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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Some of the mess occupants have to share the big rooms but the public rooms for dining etc. are more than ample.

The public bar, is still open for business and a comfortable sitting room with private exit has been opened, access to this being by way of the bar entrance is now reserved for the military.

Recent Improvements.

Not only has the Army taken over the accommodation and public rooms but also the kitchen etc. Refreshments can be served to the public in the bar or lounge but there will be no facilities for meals or dances which have been so popular recently.

This week workmen have been doing overtime to complete the renovations in time for handing over to the War Office. As was announced some time ago, the new owners launched out on an ambitious scale a few months back, making many improvements.

In every room now hot and cold water has been laid on, and also private telephones. The whole building has been repainted and redecorated. New furniture and fittings have been generously added, and box mattresses have been put in the beds.

The management states that for the time being residents cannot be accommodated, but the public's loss is the gain of the military visitors who began moving in yesterday.

MURDER CHARGE.

DEAD WOMAN'S TERRIBLE INJURIES.

Before Mr. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon two Chinese men and two women were charged with the murder of an aged Chinese woman whom they were alleged to have brutally killed at Au Piu Lung, near the Kowloon Hospital, on the night of February 25. The body of the unfortunate woman was found on the hillside by a Chinese constable. The head was smashed in and there were other terrible injuries any one of which could have caused death.

Inspector Reynolds asked for a remand to enable the police to prepare their case, and intimated that they would probably be ready to proceed in two or three weeks' time.

A formal week's remand was given.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING.

The question of through bills of lading is engaging the attention of the Chamber of Shipping following meetings of the International Chamber of Commerce and a special committee of the League of Nations, a joint meeting has been arranged by the International Chamber of their committees on sea transport, rail transport and air transport, in order to discuss the problem.

The general view of shipowners appears to be that the question is not one that can be dealt with by legislation or international convention, but is essentially a contractual matter for settlement by the contractual matter for settlement by the different commercial interests in each trade. So far as ocean trades are concerned, it is well known that a few (such as the American cotton trade) have long worked satisfactorily on a system of through bills of lading, but conditions vary so from trade to trade that there are many cases where such a system, so far from facilitating commerce, would, it is thought, impede it. In the coasting and short sea trades where the existing facilities offered by forwarding agents are highly developed, and where the variety of goods handled and the number of points of departure and destination are very greatly multiplied, the introduction of any rigid system is felt to be quite impracticable and likely to be harmful. The idea seems to be entertained in certain quarters that where a short sea transit is combined with a long railway haul the sea transit, in part of the railway haul, but it might be equally well argued that the railway haul is really an extension of the sea voyage.

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Sandakan	HINSANG	Tues. 22nd Mar. at Noon
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Tues. 22nd Mar. at Noon
Taipei via Swatow & S'hai	PAUSANG	Wed. 23rd Mar. at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Thurs. 24th Mar. at 8 p.m.
Osaka via Kobe & Moji	KUTSANG	Sun. 27th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Sun. 27th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & S'hai	SWINGSANG	Wed. 30th Mar. at 7 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Tayo Maru" from Shanghai on March 16 were:—

Mr. V. de Fante, Mr. E. R. Hix, Mr. A. W. Starling, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warner, Mr. J. W. Stevenson, Mr. E. Rivero, Mr. R. Hindeland, Mr. J. Esplado, Mr. H. Dugan, Mr. D. H. Doyal, Mr. M. G. Hemero, Mr. V. F. Worcester, Mr. S. Chant.

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 15 by the M.M. "Porthos" were:—Mr. E. Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nagel and 2 children, Mr. F. P. Liang, Sister Mary, Sister Anna, Rev. I. P. Horty, Mr. P. Bau, Mr. P. Chow, Sister Gertrude, Sister Mathilde (all from Shanghai) and Mrs. E. Crampton (from Kobe).

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 15 by the "President Cleveland" from San Francisco via ports were:—Mr. E. M. and Mrs. H. Boyd, Mr. T. Dillon, Mr. H. T. and Mrs. E. Hodgkin, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. E. L. Masterson, Mrs. E. Morrison, Mr. L. De Montarlot, Mr. E. F. Turner, Mr. J. M. and Mrs. L. S. Board, Mr. J. C. Black, Mr. G. M. Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cox, Mrs. M. J. Witt, Mr. S. N. Wilkins, Mr. C. E. and Mrs. H. B. Cardinal, Mrs. E. W. Mr. W. and Mr. L. Crockett, Mr. L. R. Carpenter, Mr. W. M. Carpenter, Mr. T. P. Carpenter, Mr. J. H. Carpenter, Mr. H. N. Mrs. L. E. and Miss J. L. Guernsey, Mr. A. T. Hadley, Mr. M. L. Ladd, Mr. T. Ladd, Mr. Lillian B. Ladd, Mr. W. M. Ladd, Mr. R. S. Murray, Mary A. Ladd, Mr. J. J. and Mrs. T. Miffitt, Mr. M. G. Miller, Marion O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Frances O'Brien, Denis O'Brien, Mr. R. S. Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Torry, Agnes L. Taylor, Mr. J. Von Rosen.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers sailed from Hong Kong on March 15 by the M.M. "Porthos" for Marseilles via Singapore were:—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Abery and 2 children, Dr. and Mrs. F. Hoeson, Mr. L. E. Oñez and (through passengers):—

Mr. Apfelbaum, Mr. Otten, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dick, Mr. N. Dick, Mr. M. Behna, Baron G. di Glura, Mr. and Mrs. Gardarin, Mr. Loup, Mr. H. Marchand, Mr. and Mrs. Goyet, Mr. L. Laforet, Mrs. Carrere, Mr. and Mrs. Morelles, Mrs. Lodercau, Mrs. Chvet, Mr. T. P. Howden, Mrs. Paturel, Mr. Bastard, Mr. Cousot, Mr. K. Y. Chow, Brother Lorauso, Miss I. Ingram, Mr. J. Segura, Mr. L. Jurgensen, Mrs. de Bellefonds, Mr. S. A. Marchant, Mrs. Tehakalian, Mr. Chatel, Mr. Perinet, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gemine, Mr. I. G. Barrot, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. J. D. Hannell, Mr. P. J. Dougan, Mr. F. F. O'Driscoll, Mr. T. M. Finnigan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stockley, Mr. and Mrs. Braun, Mr. J. Chuiton.

TONNAGE AGREEMENT.

The agreement signed on Nov. 30 last between the United Kingdom and Greece respecting the measurement of tonnage of merchant ships was issued as a White Paper. It provides that British ships furnished with certificates of registry and other national papers duly issued by the competent British authorities, shall be deemed by the Greek authorities to be of the tonnage denoted in the said documents and shall be exempted from being remeasured in any port or place within Greek territory or in localities under the control of Greece, on condition that similar terms shall be accorded to Greek ships equipped with certificates of registry or other national papers duly issued by the competent Greek authorities on or after July 14, 1909 (or July 1, 1909) and that such ships shall be exempted from being remeasured in any place within the British dominions.

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Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs March 1, 1927.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	39' 9" B.	14' 9" B.
Tytam Byewash	25' 1" B.	25' 2" B.
Tytam Intermediate	39' 10" B.	25' 10" B.
Tytam Tuk	28' 3" B.	19' 1" B.
Wong Nei Chung	28' 3" B.	19' 1" B.
Pokfulam	19' 3" B.	20' 4" B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Total	888.02	1,270.08
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February:—		
Estimated population	184.46	181.58
Estimated consumption	399.02	409.34
Per day (gallons)	16.5	16.7

Intermittent supply in all Rides Main Districts during February, 1926. Full supply in all Rides Main Districts during February with the exception of the districts West of Garden Road where an intermittent supply was given from 8rd to 25th February, 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	26' 4" B.	15' 7" B.
Shok Lai Pui Reservoir	25' 2" B.	10' 2" B.
Reception Reservoir	8' 4" B.	

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	134.62	210.05
Shok Lai Pui Reservoir	19.54	63.14
Reception Reservoir	—	24.65

Total

	1926	1927
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February:		
Estimated population	59.41	64.94
Estimated population	158.94	158.98
Per day (gallons)	13.7	14.5

Full supply in all districts during February 1926 and 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to February 28, 1926, 2.62; February 28, 1927, 4.66.

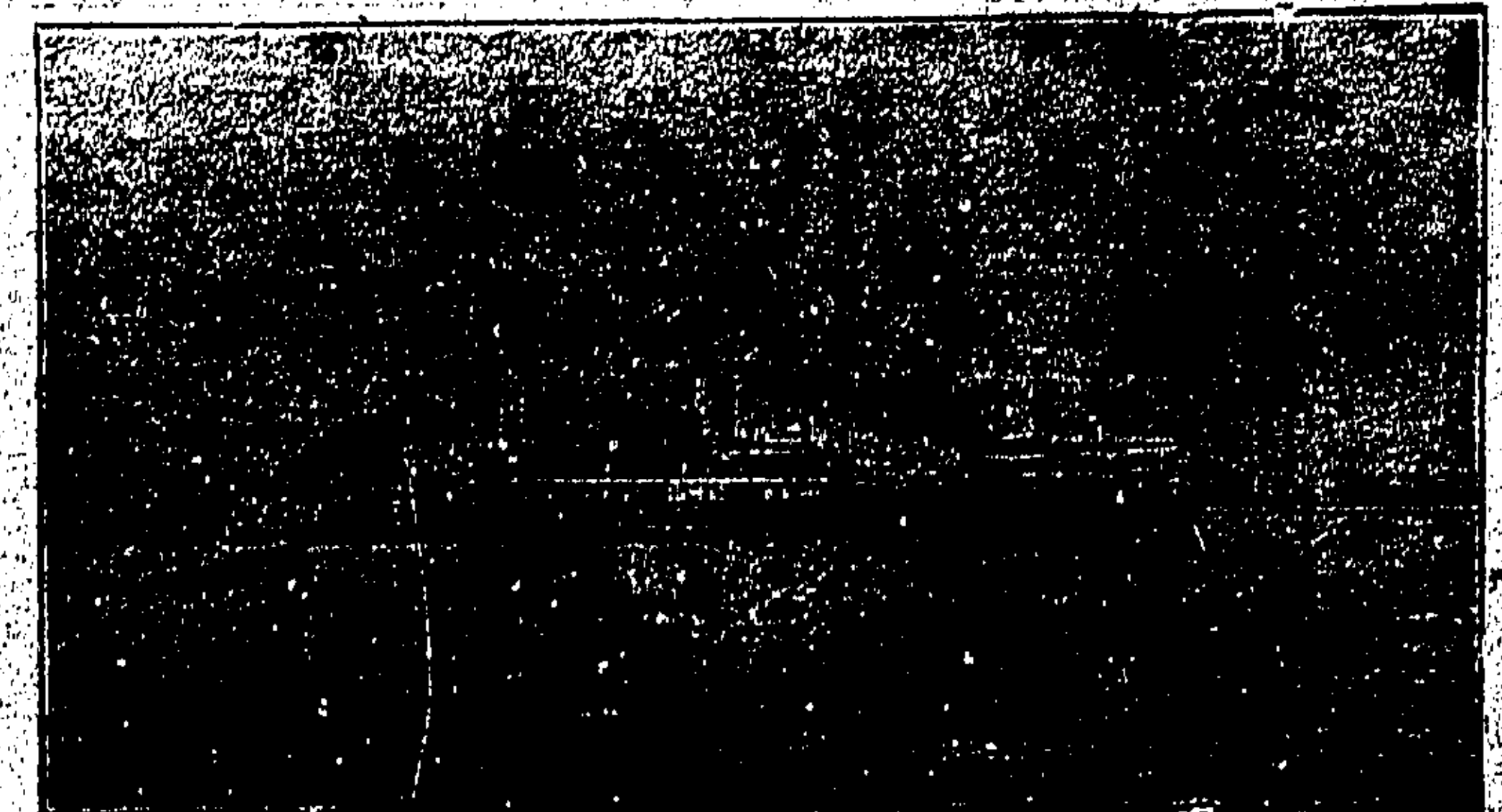
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MARRIAGE.

IOCHVIDOFF-SHAPITRIC.—On
March 10, 1927, at Shanghai, Mrs.
Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Shapitric of Shanghai, to Boris,
son of Haym Iochvidoff of
Siberia.

DEATHS.

MARQUES DA SILVA.—On March
10, 1927, at Shanghai, Mrs.
Maria Francisca d'Almeida
Marques da Silva, aged 75
years.

MERRIMAN.—On March 10, 1927,
at Shanghai, Irene Carpenter
Merriman, widow of William
Lane Merriman.

PALMER.—On March 10, 1927, at
Shanghai, Ernest Richard
Palmer (Shanghai Mutual
Telephone Co.) in his 55th
year.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 16, 1927.

A STRONG NAVY.

The Navy can well be consid-
ered a local topic of considerable
interest. As an Island Colony we
are dependent on the Navy more
on any branch of His Majesty's
Forces for our protection and for
safeguarding of our trade routes.
Diminish the Navy below normal
requirements and the whole
security of this and other over-
seas Possessions would be at
stake.

It is as well that this point
should have been emphasised by
the First Lord of the Admiralty
in introducing the Naval Estimates
in the House of Commons. He
stated that there were special
difficulties with regard to the
British Navy which were totally
different from those of any other
country. Our obligation is to
maintain the Fleet equal to the
naval strength of any other
Power and provide reasonable
security for the safeguarding of
our trade communications.

That is by no means a big
demand. The position of the
Empire surely warrants the
maintenance of a Navy not in-
ferior to that of any other Power.
The talk of general disarmament
is all very fine up to a certain
point but there must be absolute
unanimity amongst the Powers
most concerned, and there must
be absolute guarantees for safety.

ing out the policy of reduction in
the letter and the spirit. It is
senseless to talk of a "naval
holiday" when the world is still
more or less upside down, as it
were. The cry of a "naval
holiday" was raised on numerous
occasions between 1910 and 1914,
and wise was Britain in turning
a deaf ear to it.

Equally vital is the main-
tenance of the security of British
trade routes. The Empire lives
and thrives on commerce. Em-
pire goods must be carried in
safety to the uttermost ends of
the earth, and those goods that
the Home Country requires for
the needs of her immense popu-
lation must enjoy similar protec-
tion from molestation or inter-
ference of any kind whatsoever.
Splendid as is the British mercan-
tile marine, it is not and never
was intended to be a fighting
force in the language of offence
or defence; its province lies in
carrying Empire cargoes and in
supplementary the Navy in times
of war. The real work must
always come from the Navy.
Any defect in the task of safe-
guarding the Empire's trade
routes might easily prove dis-
astrous in those crises almost
inseparable from such a vast
"Empire with varying interests all
over the globe. And when the
First Lord of the Admiralty
merely asks for a Navy of such
strength as to be able to provide
"reasonable" security for the
safeguarding of our trade com-
munications it cannot be argued
that his demand is at all
preposterous.

Propaganda.

General Chang Kai-shek, in the
course of a speech made at Nan-
chang in reply to the Commun-
ists, remarked that "the Oriental
people are passionate, susceptible
to propaganda and easily misled
by rumours." That the Comm-
ander-in-Chief of the Southern
armies should hold this view is
not surprising, since he is a man
of proved shrewdness; that he
should give voice to his opinion,
however, is remarkable, looking
to the part that propaganda has
been made to play in furthering
the success of his military cam-
paign. The only explanation for
General Chang Kai-shek's frank-
ness is the campaign of vilifica-
tion launched against him by the
Communist Party which is eager
to run riot and finds the Com-
mander-in-Chief's restraint more
than a little irksome. Neverthe-
less, adherents of the Kuomint-
ang cause who are sincerely
seeking their country's good
would do well to weigh General
Chang Kai-shek's words in re-
lation to the attacks that have been
made against foreigners solely as
a result of propaganda. A prop-
het is usually without honour in
his own country, but that can-
not be said of General Chang Kai-
shek, and it is to be hoped his
remark will be taken to heart as
we have suggested.

Suffering from injuries received
through an accident falling
down the stairs at 215, Wanchai
Road, a Chinese woman was
yesterday taken to hospital.

MADAME BORODIN.

**British Not Asked to
Intervene.**

STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.

London, March 15.
In the House of Commons, re-
plying to Col. J. C. Wedgwood
(Labour), Mr. G. Locker Lam-
son, Under Secretary for Foreign
Affairs, stated that the reports he
had received from Sir Miles Lam-
son, the Minister at Peking, did
not indicate that any request to
take steps to secure the liberation
of Madame Borodin had been ad-
dressed to him.—Reuter.

Interview With Adviser.

In conversation with a repre-
sentative of the "North China
Daily News," M. Merkulofo, ad-
viser to Marshal Chang Tsung-
chang, said:—
"The former Volunteer Fleet
ship, the 'Pamiat Lenina,' which
was seized at Nanking 10 days
ago, and from which Mrs. Borodin
and three Soviet diplomatic repre-
sentatives were removed, had long
been suspected by the Northern
ers of carrying on illicit trade.
At Vladivostok, agents could not
ascertain what the vessel carried,
as the G.P.U., supplanting the
Cheka, kept strangers away."
"The military authorities allow-
ed several journeys to be made,
but on a recent occasion the River
Police noticed, while on board
ship, that several large cases of
cargo were dropped overboard.
Their suspicions aroused, the
military seized the 'Pamiat
Lenina' on her next trip toward
Hankow, seizing large quantities
of literature—which is being
translated—and much ammuni-
tion."

Voyages to Siberia.

"Mrs. Borodin, we knew, had
made several voyages to Siberia,
but Marshal Chang assured her
that it would be unsafe, because
of his military movements, for her
to proceed to Hankow. She was
taken to Tsinan. She was per-
mitted to send a telegram to
Borodin and write him. At pre-
sent she is detained in comfort-
able quarters in Tsinan."
M. Merkulofo said that he saw
Mrs. Borodin personally and she
told him that she was satisfied
with the attitude of her Chinese
guards, the leader of whom spoke
good Russian. She denied that
her husband was Radical and said
that he worked merely for China,
for the Chinese.

Chang Tsung-chang Determined.

"Marshal Chang Tsung-chang
will fight the Red curse in China
to a finish, he cannot be bought,
nor will he bargain for advantage
with representatives of the So-
viet," M. Merkulofo continued.
He added that there had never
been any thought of compromise
with the Cantonese in the mind of
his superior. The Fengtien,
Shantung and White Russian fac-
tions were working in perfect ac-
cord and with a common objec-
tive, to stamp out Communism.
In the Army, the Russians were
just as Chinese. They fought
shoulder to shoulder with the
Chinese and acted under orders
from the general staff. There
were about 5,000 Russians in the
pay of Shantung.

Questioned as to Marshal
Chang Tsung-chang's plans for
the defence of Shanghai and mili-
tary preparations in the vicinity
of Nanking and Sungkiang M.
Merkulofo refused to go into de-
tail, but emphasised his personal
belief and Chang's confidence in
their ability to defend the entire
area, including Soochow.

Soviet Threat.

The following Note was pre-
sented by the Soviet Embassy to
the Waichiaoou:—

"On March 5 the Embassy of
the U. S. S. R. protested against
the seizure of the Soviet mer-
chant steamer, 'Pamiat Lenina,'
and against the detention of her
crew and passengers, including
diplomatic couriers. In its Note
of that date the Embassy demand-
ed that orders be given for the
immediate release of the steamer
with her crew and all passengers.
However, up to now the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs has not only
failed to give satisfaction to these
demands but is even unable to pro-
duce any information as to the
fate of the steamer or the persons
involved."

"Indeed, astounding and un-
heard of is the fact that the Min-
istry of Foreign Affairs would
not even commit itself to confirm
or deny the sinister reports cir-
culated by the vernacular Press that
three diplomatic couriers detained
aboard have been shot by order of
Marshal Chang Tsung-chang.
This is the more astonishing as
the Ministry unquestionably is in
constant touch with the local mili-
tary authorities who are credited
with this abominable outrage, and
it has its representatives there."
"The Embassy of the U. S. S. R.
heretofore declares, once more, that
the Chinese Government will bear
full responsibility for the safety
of the persons detained. The
Embassy warns the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs that any violation
of their safety might, certainly,
bring most serious consequences
and compel the Soviet Govern-
ment to appeal to exceptional mea-
sures."—Reuter.

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CHANG KAI-SHEK.

**Reply to the Communist
Party.**

MISCHIEF-MAKERS ATTACKED.

The following is the remainder
of the very interesting lecture de-
livered to members of the Kuomint-
ang by Gen. Chang Kai-shek, Com-
mander-in-Chief of the Nationalist
Armies, in Nanchang, on February
21. It is in reply to the attacks
made on him by members of the
Communist Party.
In the first part of his speech,
reported yesterday, Gen. Chang said
that he utterly opposed any attempt
by comparative newcomers to the
Kuomintang to oust the old and
faithful members of the late Dr.
Sun Yat-sen and usurp authority at
the expense of Kuomintang tradi-
tions and history. The Kuomint-
ang, he said, is one; it is centraliz-
ed and it has no higher authority
than the Central Executive Com-
mittee. There was, he said, no
second Napoleon appearing in China
and the allegation that he was an
autocrat was vigorously denied.
The only autocrat, was none other
than Dr. George Chien Hui, Minis-
ter of Justice in the Nationalist
Government in Hankow and leader
of the Reds.

"A faithful member of the Ku-
omintang must fulfil certain obliga-
tions to the Kuomintang and to his
fellow-members. He must lead
them to the right path when they
have gone astray. He has to be
considerate and love them as his
brothers and help them to become a
strong unit. This is what it is
really to be a member of the Ku-
omintang. If we are to vent our
wishes and build our own happiness
at the expense of others, we lose
the quality of being members of
the Kuomintang."

"My Colleagues' Trust."

"I would like to remind you that,
at the opening of the last special
conference of the Kuomintang, I
mentioned, in the course of a lec-
ture, many things, chief among
which was the fact that Mr. Wang
Ching-wei, chairman of the Central
Executive Committee, who is at
present on a visit to France, Gen.
Tan Yen-kai (former Tuyen of
Funan, who is Commander-in-Chief
of the Second Kuomintang Army)
and Mr. Chang Ching-kiang, acting
chairman of the Central Executive
Committee during Mr. Wang's
absence, are three of the most loyal
members of the Kuomintang, men
admired by the Nationalist Govern-
ment, and men whose services were
greatly appreciated by our late
President during his life-time and
men in whom he placed his explicit
confidence. If these three gentle-
men had accused me of doing any
wrong, if they had said that I was
acting contrary to the principles of
the Kuomintang and the party's
rules of order, or that I have done
anything contrary to the spirit of
the revolution, or of an anti-
Revolutionary nature, then I would
be guilty. If they attach their
signatures to any charge accusing
me, then you can punish me in any
way that you think fit. I will face
your punishment without complaint
and submit to your judgment, no
matter what it may be."

"In case, however, there is any
man who is found attempting to
destroy the work of the revolution-
ary party by underhand methods
or who formulates false accusations
against our government, then,
brethren, it is for you to judge
whether I have committed any
crime, any violence, or broken the
regulations of the Kuomintang, or
worked against the will of our late
President, or whether I am an
autocrat."

"Certain people have commented
on a possible breach between Mr.
Wang Ching-wei and myself but I
can assure you that we two are the
most intimate of friends. We love
each other as though we were na-
tural born brothers. Should any-
body create false reports with a
view to causing a breach between
us or to separate us or to prevent
Mr. Wang from returning to office
from leave, then such person or
persons are not true members of
the Kuomintang."

"Let me again assure you, if my
actions in any respect are contrary
to the policy of the party and con-
trary to my own words, then you
may take me out and shoot me."

Malicious Propaganda.

"There is one thing which pre-
vents Mr. Wang Ching-wei from co-
operating with me to the very end
and that is the malicious propa-
ganda disseminated by unscrupu-
lous persons about us. The Oriental
people are passionate, susceptible
to propaganda, easily misled by
false rumours."
"In my last telegram to Mr.
Wang, requesting him to return to
China and resume his office as
quickly as possible, I used a num-
ber of very humble terms which
many would consider quite below
my dignity to use. Yet, I used
them for the welfare of the Ku-
omintang and the Nationalist Gov-
ernment. To use these humble
terms was in no sense different
from an act of surrender. Had it
not been for the welfare of the
Kuomintang and the Nationalist
Government, I would never have
used them, even at the expense of

of the persons detained. The
Embassy warns the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs that any violation
of their safety might, certainly,
bring most serious consequences
and compel the Soviet Govern-
ment to appeal to exceptional mea-
sures."—Reuter.

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burlesque scene—an act which is
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laughter.

Among the feats of strength
to be presented by Mr. Tang may
be mentioned the bending of iron
bars in his teeth, and the passing
over his stomach of a motor car
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will be invited to go upon the
stage and crack a stone weighing
1,500 catties which will be placed
upon Mr. Tang's chest.

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ARMED ROBBERY DENIED.

A Chinese was this morning
charged before Major Willson
with having been concerned in
the armed robbery at No. 21
Bridges Street on Saturday night.
He pleaded "not guilty" and was
remanded for a week.

HILLSIDE ARREST.

Arrested on the hillside after
they were alleged to have com-
mitted an armed robbery in
Wongneichong village on Sunday
night, two Chinese were formally
charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell
this morning and remanded until
March 21.

Money and jewellery worth
\$175 were stolen by a burglar
from the ground floor of No. 120
Queen's Road West last night.

losing my head under the execu-
tioner's axe.

Communism Attacked.

"Certain people allege that I have
no more confidence in the Com-
munist Party and that I have even
prohibited the introduction of Com-
munist elements to the Kuomint-
ang. As a matter of fact, I have
never supported the Communist
party. As I said, last year, in the
Whampoa Military Academy, I was
only inviting other minor revolu-
tionary organisations to join hands
with us in the revolutionary move-
ment. The Communist Party were
at first very frank in their relations
with us and we could not but admit
them as their aims and ours were
in common. At that time, I made
it a condition of their admittance
that we reserved the right to sup-
press their movement if they should
go beyond limits and act with a
view to endangering the Nationalist
cause and Kuomintang interests."

"Now, these Communist people
are adopting an aggressive attitude
towards the Kuomintang so, as
leader of the National Revolution-
ary Army, it devolves upon me to
curb their movement. If the Right
section of the Kuomintang should
betray our cause, we will take simi-
lar steps towards them."

Unity Essential.

"You must keep in mind the fact
that the success of the Nationalist
cause depends on unity, otherwise
we shall never be able to realise our
aims. The failure of the Nation-
alist cause means also the failure
of the Communist movement, for
they are inter-related. Therefore,
in the interests and for the welfare
of the Kuomintang, I have to sup-
press the Communist movement as
they have now gone beyond the
limits and assumed the aggressive
towards us. In doing so, I wish
them to co-operate with the Ku-
omintang to the very last with an
open mind in order to ensure the
success of the Nationalist move-
ment. If they do not, then I am
not responsible. I believe that all
loyal members of the Kuomintang
and that all good citizens of the
Republic of China will assume the
same stand as I have assumed and
hope that my fellow-members will
understand my predicament and
why I have been compelled to adopt
such a stand."

A Response by Members.
Local members of the Kuomint-
ang circulated a telegram
in the course of which they
pledged their full support to the
proposal that the Central Executive
Committee of the Nationalist
Party should be recognised as the
highest authority in the party and
the Nationalist Government. They
also advocated that Mr. Wang
Ching-wei should be invited to re-
turn to China at once and that he
should be officially welcomed. Mr.
Wang is chairman of the Central
Executive Committee of the party
and is in France at the present
time.

WUHU RIOTS.

How the City Was Occupied by the Rabble.

THRILLING ACCOUNT.

Four Foreign Customs Officials Molested.

The following account of the occupation of Wuhu by the South, which appears in the "North China Daily News," fills in certain gaps in other descriptions published, and at the same time gives a vivid idea of the utter irresponsibility and recklessness of method used by Nationalistic propagandists. The incident of the attack on four foreign Customs officials, all of different nationalities and only one British, is especially interesting and makes thrilling reading.

The first news of the impending change in the city's status came on Sunday, the 6th instant, when the local newspapers came out with headlines to the effect that the city had gone over to the South. Shops were urged to fly the Nationalist flag, and later in the day a request was made to the Customs officials to place the Customs Club at the disposal of the local officials in order that they might use it to welcome Gen. Chen Tiao-yuen. This was done, the reception appears to have gone off quietly, and the club was handed back to its rightful owners for the time being.

The next move followed along the now stereotyped lines. Groups of students went all round the city, giving excited speeches, and handing round pamphlets containing the usual laudatory poems for the Nationalists, jingles for the Northerners, and demands for the breaking off of all relations with Britain and the "downing" of Imperialism.

The next news was that Gen. Chen, the former Anhui Governor, had been appointed to command the 27th Nationalist Division, and the local man, Gen. Wang-pu had been appointed to command the 27th Nationalist Division. These troops were their own troops under their new name.

During that day and the next the rain poured down steadily, dampening unduly enthusiasm to a very large extent, and but for the expected arrival of a Cantonese general named "Ching" it is likely that all would have passed off quietly for the foreigners. It was not to be, however.

Customs Club Wrecked. During the day the C. M. S. "Kiangwah" was commandeered by the military and sent to Aikang, from whence she returned the next morning with 4,000 Hunanese troops. Of these troops it was reported that their officers were fairly smart, but the men themselves were the usual rabble of badly equipped boys of any age from 13 upwards. The "Kiangwah" was then sent back for more troops, and the rumour went round that she would be back at six o'clock in the evening with the Cantonese Gen. Ching on board. The students on hearing this promptly organised a mass meeting to welcome him. The crowd gathered at an early hour, but when seven o'clock came, the ship had not arrived. As the hours dragged on the students amused themselves and the crowd by delivering violent lectures against the foreign devils. The logical and perfectly natural result was to arouse the mob spirit inherent in any great crowd. Cheers were given, and an occasional cry was heard, "Kill the foreign devils, kill the foreign devils." Soon the rally was taken up by the whole crowd, which, by eight o'clock, had developed into a hysterical and raving mass of people. A concerted move was then made for the Customs Club, and for the space of ten or fifteen minutes the mob were allowed to vent all their bile on the premises.

Every window in the building was smashed, book cases were thrown down and individual books wantonly torn to pieces. Tables, chairs, pictures and mirrors were all smashed. A new gramophone was reduced to scraps, whilst a piano, also new, was hardly recognisable for what it was when the crowd had done. The keys were broken, the woodwork smashed in, and the inside torn out and strewn around the floor. The bar was next visited, and here, too, the crowd indulged in an orgy of smashing and throwing. The billiard room suffered equally. The tables were ripped up and then smashed. Nothing breakable was left unbroken. Although troops were standing by the crowd, they made no effort to stop these activities or to curtail them in any way.

The Customs House.

After this, the mob, still with its appetite for brutality and destruction unsatisfied, made its way to the native city, gathering in all the hats and loafers of the district as they went. The Native Customs House was attacked, fittings broken in the same way as at the Club and the office safes forced open and the contents stolen. The godown near by where a large quantity of confiscated opium was stored was also broken into, and every scrap of the drug stolen. In the meantime two sub-offices elsewhere in the city were likewise looted, and one burned down.

It was at the head office of the Native Customs that the crowd found a little body of foreigners. These were four in number, the Deputy Commissioner, a Czechoslovak, an Italian, a Chinese, a Frenchman and an Englishman, a tide waiter. The three were mobbed and assaulted without partiality as regards nationality, and after suffering a pretty severe manhandling they managed to escape through the back door, and by a very creditable piece of running to

BASED ON POUND.

A NEW CURRENCY FOR PALESTINE.

OLIVE WREATH COINS.

London, March 15. It is officially announced from Jerusalem that the new Palestine currency will appear this year on the basis of the decimal division of the English pound sterling.

The Palestine pound, which will be equivalent to the pound sterling, will be divided into one thousand mils.

Coins will bear only an olive wreath or a sprig and the denomination in English and Arabic, but the notes will bear a pictorial decoration also. British Wireless Service.

THREAT TO RESIGN.

MARCONI & SHAREHOLDERS' PROPOSALS.

LIVELY LONDON MEETING.

London, March 15. A crowded meeting of Marconi shareholders in London considered proposals to reduce the capital mentioned on March 5, and after a lively discussion, in the course of



Senatore Marconi.

which Senator Marconi threatened to resign from the Board if the different proposals made by the committee of shareholders were carried, the directors' report was put to the vote and declared carried.

A poll was then demanded on the motion and this was granted. The poll resulted in 1,586,000 votes for the adoption of the report and 320,000 against.—Reuter.

A London cable dated March 5 stated: Drastic alterations in the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company are recommended in the report of the directors, comprising the general re-organisation of the company, the appointment of new directors, cancellation of capital to the extent of £1,625,000 and the subsequent restoration of the normal capital of £4,000,000 by the creation of new shares.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

London, March 14. It is announced that the beam stations built for communication with Australia have successfully passed the official seven days' test. The General Post Office has been informed that Marconi's stations have more than fulfilled the required conditions, namely, the capability of communication at a speed of 500 letters per minute each way during a daily average of seven hours during seven consecutive days. The actual speed during the tests was estimated at 148 five-letter words per minute, but it frequently reached 225. The stations from which the Australian service will operate in England, shared with India, which will be opened in a few months.—Reuter.

AN "UNDESIRABLE."

SENATOR KING NOT WANTED IN HAITI.

Washington, March 15. Political circles are keenly interested in the dilemma confronting Mr. Kellogg regarding the case of Senator King, who is now at Port Rico preparing to sail for Haiti. The President of the republic M. Borno has refused to permit Mr. King to enter Haiti as an "undesirable" presumably on account of Mr. King's persistent attacks against the present state of affairs there and his criticism of Borno. Political opponents of President Coolidge's administration claim that Borno's attitude is most likely the result of hints given him at Washington, where it is claimed, Mr. King's visit is regarded with little favour as Senator Borno's proposed trip to Nicaragua.—Reuter's American Service.

MORE RAIN.

N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, rain is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China sea. Rainfall locally for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day: 15.1 inches. Total to date this year 6.78 against an average of 4.85.

UNABLE TO HEAR.

STRANGE POLICE COURT INCIDENT.

"HE IS A DEAD MAN."

When Sanitary Board summonses were being heard in the Police Court this morning, a case was called before Major Willson in which Chan Kan, the tenant of a Cochrane Street house was summoned for allowing the basement to be used as a dwelling contrary to the regulations. The man's name was called several times and there was no reply. The Sanitary Inspector was about to apply for a warrant when the landlord of the house who was in Court in connection with another summons volunteered the information "he is a dead man." The summons was forthwith withdrawn.

STOLEN LEATHER.

Before Major Willson yesterday a Chinese youth was charged with the theft of 100 pieces of leather, the property of a Yumati leather goods shop, which he was sent with another man (not in custody) to take delivery of from the Kwok Tsai Leather Co., of Des Voeux Road West. Another Chinese, a Yumati clog-maker, was charged with receiving the stolen property.

When the case was mentioned before Mr. M. K. Lo (for the prosecution) explained the lad's position as merely an "accessory before the fact" (the real culprit being the absconded man) and suggested that there was a possibility of the youth being used as Crown witness to prove guilty knowledge against the alleged receiver. At the resumption, Counsel asked permission to withdraw the charge against the youth, and this was granted.

Dealing with the case against the other man, Mr. Lo said the man obviously had guilty knowledge as otherwise after having bought and paid for the goods he would most naturally have asked for a receipt, which he failed to do. Another point was that the leather was bought for a far lower price than its value which was \$479.90. Even if he did not know the leather was stolen, the price should have aroused his suspicion and led him to turn down the deal.

A further remand was given until Friday afternoon.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 16—Queen's Theatre; "The Circle."

March 16—World Theatre; "Classified."

March 16—Star Theatre; "The Woman Conquers;" "The Lover of Camille."

March 17—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 19—Concert and dance at City Hall, given by Morrison Hall, (University Hostel), members, 8 p.m.

March 19—The Hong Kong A.D.C. presents the brilliant comedy by Frederic Lonsdale, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

March 21 & 22—Jascha Heifetz at the Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m. Sport.

March 26—Annual Athletic Sports meeting of H.K. University at Pokfulam.

Meetings.

March 18—Annual meeting of the Society of St. George, Hong Kong, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

March 23—Fifth annual meeting of H.K. Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 23—Sixteenth annual meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., 6, Des Voeux Rd., Cth., 2.30 p.m.

March 26—Thirty-first meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Rd., noon.

March 26—Forty-second meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

March 28—Fifty-eighth general meeting of H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

March 16—St. Joseph's College prize distribution, 5.15 p.m., at the College.

March 17—Choral evensong at St. John's Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.

March 17—Celebration of the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the H.K. Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell St., 6 p.m.

March 18—Lantern lecture by Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey on "Glimpses of Indian Life," at the Wesleyan, Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, commencing at 8 p.m. Members of H.M. Forces cordially invited.

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Reminder: musicale at Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Eleven thousand dolls, presented by the boys and girls of America were received and joined the Doll Festival of Japan.

Leasehold property at Homuntin was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday, the purchaser being Mr. Sam Pang-fai, of No. 48 High Street, at \$8,200 (more than treble the upset price). The property con-

There will be a choral evening at St. John's Cathedral at 5.45 to-morrow.

The excellent result of a credit balance for charity of \$930.12 is shown in the statement of accounts concerning the pantomime production of "Little Red Riding Hood" by Mrs. Gay Cumming and the "Little Mummies." Dr. Barnardo's Homes will benefit to this amount. The Hon. Treasurer was Mr. A. J. Reeves and the accounts were audited by the Rev. J. Horace Johnston.

The annual report of the American Cigar Company shows a net profit of \$2,806,681.

"THEOSOPHY"
Celebration of the 4th Anniversary The Fourth Anniversary of the Establishment of The Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society will be celebrated at The Lodge, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, March 17th at 8 p.m. The public are heartily invited to attend. Theosophical Literature for sale. Good Theosophical Library. Inquiries: — Monday, Friday, Saturday from 8-8 p.m., other days from 7 to 8 p.m.



Major-General John F. O'Ryan, President of the Colonial Air Transport, is busily engaged in organising an air service for carrying express, mail and passengers between widely separated cities, among the latter being Montreal, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago.

sists of two undivided fourth parts of shares of Section A of Kowloon Island Lot No. 1737.

There were four notifications of small-pox in the Colony on Tuesday, all from the city registration district. Two of the patients are Malays and the other two are Chinese.

An important step towards removing what has been regarded as a weakness of the Scottish University system, namely the absence of provision for communal life, will be facilitated by a donation made by a Leith shipowner, Mr. Thomas Cowan, of £15,000 to enable Edinburgh University to provide a residential house to accommodate 125 male students. Mr. Cowan previously made a similar donation to the University, of which £10,000 was contributed in appreciation of the students' work in the general strike.

Says a Singapore paper just to hand: A few days ago the arrest was recorded of Mr. E. J. Kettlewell on a charge of criminal breach of trust, as an employee of the Yukon Gold Co. at Kampar. Mr. Kettlewell was formally charged before the Ipoh magistrate and the case transferred to Kampar for the usual police court preliminary inquiry. The case was called up at the Kampar police court on Wednesday, says the "Times of Malaya," but the accused, who had been granted bail, did not put in an appearance. The Kampar magistrate at once issued a warrant for his arrest.

The following appears in the "North China Daily News": Will the gentleman who sent up the following advertisement please call for replies on April 1. "Wanted a tiffin tank, caterpillars must have minimum tread of 2 feet and be capable of negotiating crevices with safety. Should be fitted with pneumatic compensating springs, double acting shock absorbers and air cushioned upholstery. Trailer attachment for breakdown outfit. Advertiser would require satisfactory demonstration along the following Avenues: Edward VII, Foch and Joffre."



Mr. Frederick Sterling, at present ambassador of the American embassy in London, who is expected to be named the first United States Minister to the Irish Free State. As yet there is no diplomatic exchange between the United States and Ireland, relations still being carried on through London.

Thanks to the generosity of an American named Fleming, who has promised to provide a shelter for it, the historic railway carriage in which Field-Marshal Foch signed the Armistice will shortly be permanently installed in a clearing in the forest of Compeigne, where the signing took place.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Rev. John Wordsworth, grandson of the poet Wordsworth, and son of the former vicar of Brigham, died at Plumland Rectory in his 90th year.

The death is announced of Mr. Samuel Wassall V.C., who won that coveted decoration in the Zulu War of 1879, says the "Daily Herald." Though born at Birmingham he had lived at Barrow for 46 years.

The nobility were strongly represented at the marriage, at Inchinnan, Renfrewshire, of Laurence Paul, son of Lord Methuen, to Olive Campbell, only daughter of Lord Blythwood. Both families are associated with the Scots Guards. The King and Queen and the Duke and Duchess of York were among the hundreds of donors of wedding gifts.

Lord Birkenhead speaking at dinner at Birkenhead recently stated:—"My folk are of humble position. I owe nothing to birth. My grandfather was a working miner at Wakefield and incidentally heavy-weight champion with naked fists. He did not affiliate himself with Moscow. To my father I owe everything for he implanted high ambitions and taught me to believe in myself."

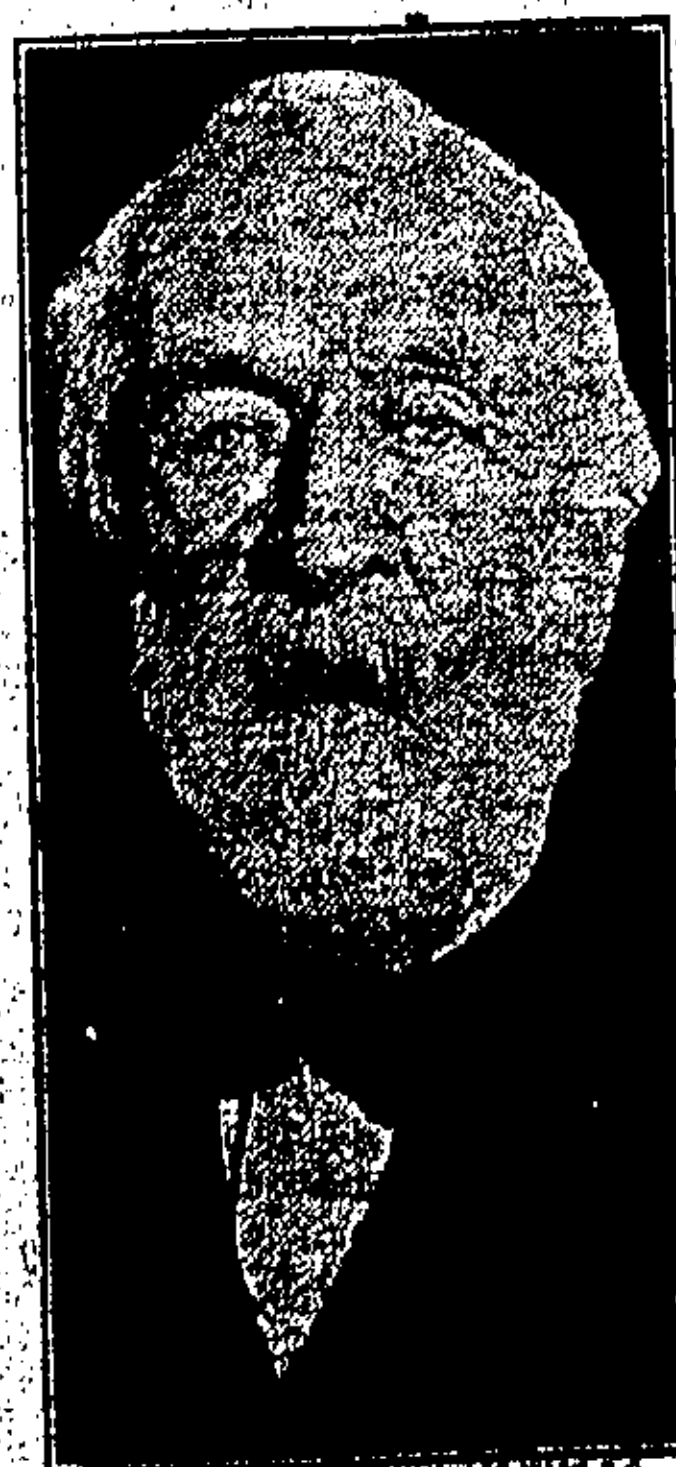
Shanghai papers record the death of Mr. Ernest Richard Palmer, accountant of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co. which occurred at his residence after an illness of some duration. Mr. Palmer was a resident of Shanghai for nearly 39 years, arriving there in 1888 to take up the secretaryship of Messrs. Hall & Hoitz, Ltd. He remained with them until 1910 in which year he joined the Telephone Co., with whom he was connected up to the time of his death. Mr. Palmer was a prominent Mason, being Past District Grand Warden, and Past Master, while for many years he acted as treasurer of the Royal Sussex Lodge.

The sad and sudden death of Mrs. Irene Corbitt Merriman, who was suddenly stricken ill while attending a lecture and died at 7 o'clock the same evening, is recorded in the Shanghai papers. Mrs. Merriman was the widow of Mr. William Lane Merriman, who it will be recalled, passed away during the troublesome month of June, 1925. The late Mrs. Merriman was born in California 44 years ago and had resided many years in Japan, where her husband had been head of the Japanese Post Office. She remained there, while he was associated with the American Trading Co. and accompanied him when he came to Shanghai, to be general manager of the Shanghai

Dr. and Mrs. Felix Hosson sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "Porthos" for Marseilles.

There is a possibility that the Prince of Wales will shortly undertake a tour of the coalfields in order to gain first-hand information of the conditions prevailing in them.

Among the passengers who landed here yesterday on the arrival of the French Mail "Porthos" from Shanghai were Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nagel (missionaries), and the Rev. I. P. Harty.



Mr. Charles Steadman, the oldest member of Congress, photographed on the 88th anniversary of his birth.

Two members of the French Municipality at Shanghai were in Hong Kong for a few hours yesterday, passing through on the "Porthos." They were Mr. Gardarin, accompanied by Mrs. Gardarin, and Mr. E. Marchand.

A Reuter cable from Riga announces the death of M. J. Tachakia, who has been President of Latvia since the Latvian Constitution was adopted in February, 1922. Tachakia was an industrialist and a member of the Latvian Parliament. He was born in 1862 and was married to a woman of the same name. He was a member of the Latvian Parliament and was elected President of Latvia in 1922. He was a member of the Latvian Parliament and was elected President of Latvia in 1922. He was a member of the Latvian Parliament and was elected President of Latvia in 1922.

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SPORTS SECTION

FLAT RACING.

8 MEETINGS FOR EXTRA SEASON.

FIRST ON MARCH 26.

On Saturday week (March 26) the first extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club season will be held, beginning at 2.15 p.m. The Stewards have fixed the extra season calendar as follows:—

- 1st meeting—March 26.
- 2nd meeting (two days)—April 16 and 18.
- 3rd meeting—May 7.
- 4th meeting (two days)—June 4 and 6.
- 5th meeting—June 25.
- 6th meeting (two days)—Oct. 8 and 10.
- 7th meeting—Nov. 5.
- 8th meeting—Nov. 26.

Nine Events on Card.

The programme for the first extra meeting includes nine races—an exceptional number—and is as follows:—

- 1st race (2.15 p.m.)—"A" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 2nd race—"B" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 3rd race—"C" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 4th race—"D" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 5th race—"E" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 6th race—"F" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 7th race—"G" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 8th race—"H" class handicap: 6 furlongs.
- 9th race—"I" class handicap: 6 furlongs.

TENNIS TOURNEY.

NG BROTHERS WIN IN 3 SETS.

Ng Sze-kwong (ex-singles champion) and his brother, Ng Sze-cheong had an easy victory yesterday in the open doubles championship of the Hong Kong C.C. tennis tournament. Results were:—
Open Singles: Second round: E. C. Fincher beat J. H. B. Hill 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.
Open Doubles: Second round: Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheong beat G. R. Sayer and Major C. Willson 6-0, 6-2, 6-3; Cheong Tuck-wing and Hung Hui-chen walk over from Capt. Howard and Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcomb; Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-let walk over from J. Abe and H. Untoro.
Handicap Singles "B": T. McQuerry (owe 3/0) beat C. H. Eldridge (rec. 15/1), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15) walk over from J. H. B. Hill (rec.).

ANNUAL REPORT.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB FIGURES.

The annual report of the Kowloon Golf Club states that the membership of the Club on December 31, 1926, was as follows:—honorary member, 1; resident members, 126; resident members (absent), 21; sea-going members, 6; total 154. In addition, 12 ladies are registered as being granted the use of the course and club house.
The following members served on the general committee during the year under review:—Mr. E. Cock (president), Mr. V. C. Labrum (vice-president), Mr. J. D. Thomson (captain), Mr. E. W. Allfree (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. O. McLaggan (hon. secretary), and Messrs. I. B. Trevor, K. S. Robertson, A. W. Roberts, A. W. Brown, A. C. Burford.
Cup Winners: Obituary.—The Committee regrets to record the death of the following members:—A. Gibson and A. W. Hoy.
The championship was won by Mr. F. E. dos Remedios; runner-up, Mr. K. S. Robertson. The Summer Cup was won by Mr. D. C. Wilson; runner-up, Mr. K. S. Robertson. The foursomes competition was won by Messrs. Lickley and Austin. The balance sheet shows a credit balance of \$2,249.88, including profit of \$1,072.11 for the year.

CRICKET.

In their league II (home) cricket match v. Royal Navy 2nd XI at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday, the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI will be represented by:—P. Jacks, H. J. Armstrong, R. C. Burgess, R. A. Green, G. P. Lammert, R. W. Lee, D. E. G. Nicholson, J. A. Summers, W. K. Tait, C. D. Wales, W. Wooding.

BOXING.

There is to be return boxing tournament between teams from H.M.S. "Hermes" and the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, to-morrow night on the "Hermes" beginning at 8.15.

OXFORD'S CREW.

LIKELY TO BECOME FAST EIGHT.

PROGRESS IN PRACTICE.

When the Oxford crew resumed their practice under the direction of Mr. P. C. Mallam, their main crew consisted of a row from Sandford to Radley, a distance of about three miles. The weather conditions were fair, but a good deal of flood water was running down and this tended to unsteady the crew.
When they first embarked the order of rowing was the same as that of the previous day, and it would seem that with the exception of casualties, the crew as at present constituted, will prove to be the combination seen at Putney.

An Excellent No. 7.

The first thing to strike me (says Captain A. H. Jackson) was the very great improvement in the crew since I last saw them at Shrewsbury. Recently they were rowing as a crew, not as eight individuals, and this, in itself, is a sign that they are on the right path.
The outstanding feature of their rowing, to my mind, was the excellent manner in which Edwards is shaping at No. 7. This statement will shock many critics who are of the opinion that he is late on the stroke. I think the boat to be on the other leg.
Llewellyn is striking with good length and rhythm, but has a tendency sometimes to rush the last bit forward on his slide and requires a steady man behind him.

Mainstays of the Boat.

Kingsbury, at No. 6, did not impress me; perhaps it was his off day. His leg work, however, appears to be good and he pushes a lot of water down.
Rathbone, at No. 5, is rowing much the same as he was last year, a sound oarsman with no flourish.
He and the president, at No. 4, are the mainstay of the boat. The three bow oars were not particularly convincing. They "feel" the water in a tentative sort of way before getting their work on.
The crew, however, at their present rate of progress may become really fast.
They will proceed to Henley on March 5, and a fortnight later will make their quarters at the London Rowing Club at Putney.

ENGLISH "RUGGER" RESULTS.

London, Feb. 23.
The following are the results of rugby matches played to-day:—
Greenwich 8, Sandhurst 8.
Army 6, Civil Service 8.
Cross Keys 9, Cardiff 0.
Bridgend 8, Swansea 30.
Edinburgh Wanderers 0, Edinburgh University 25.

MODERN DRAMA.

THE LOCAL A.D.C.'S NEXT PRODUCTION.

"THE LAST OF MRS. CHEYNEY."

The very modern School of Dramatists, headed by Frederick Lonsdale, have introduced a totally new tone into the theatre life of London, and they imported a re-vivifying influence into an Art which had sadly degenerated, since the War.

It is in fact no exaggeration to say that a "Lonsdale First Night" is almost as much a social occasion as a Convent Garden First Night.
Probably the two outstanding works which brought fame to Frederick Lonsdale are "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" and "Fallen Angels," and it is the former of these two which the Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club is producing at the Theatre Royal for the next Season which opens on Saturday night, 19th March.

It is Hong Kong's good fortune that the A.D.C. always seem to be able to attract a succession of members who are not only willing, but also supremely capable of producing, and producing successfully, the most up-to-the-minute plays.
Little would that benefit local Theatre lovers were it not a fact that the A.D.C. always seem able to rely on having at hand such an extremely high standard of Amateurs, capable of worthily sustaining the parts in the plays selected for production, however ambitious.

The opening performance next Saturday is followed by further ones on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and seats should be reserved without delay.
The Booking plan is open at Anderson.

PRIZE DAY.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

ONE GIRL'S SEVEN PRIZES.

Prize day at Central British School, Kowloon, yesterday, was a great success.
Among these present were Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Rev. G. E. S. Updell, Mr. M. Montargis, Mr. E. Wyle, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston.
The annual report was read by Mr. G. E. Nightingale (Headmaster). After the distribution of prizes by Mrs. W. T. Southern (wife of the Colonial Secretary) a holiday for to-day was declared in honour of Miss Mary Oliver who won seven prizes.
Cheers were then given for Mrs. Southern, the Headmaster, the staff, the school, and Miss Oliver.

ONLY QUALIFICATION.

Why Mrs. Southern Was Present.

Mrs. Southern spoke in very happy vein, her speech being as follows:—
It is with mixed feelings that I have come here this afternoon, regret and pleasure, regret that my husband is unable to perform the pleasant duties that fall to my share, owing to pressure of work, and pleasure that you wished me to come in his stead.
I think my only qualification for coming here is that I went to a girls' school myself and that I had six brothers, so that I may claim to know something of schoolgirls and schoolboys. In school days one has to learn how to work, one has to learn to love work. And later on when the serious business of life comes one realises how much one owes to the teacher who sets one's feet in the right direction. Some of us have a taste for work and some of us have not, and the teacher has to lead both the willing and unwilling horses to the water of learning in the hope of making them drink.
The Tramp School.
It is fortunate to be born with a love of work, just as it is fortunate to be born with curly hair or a good temper. Quite a number of people have to be taught to like work, a very large number never learn. They belong to a society of which I read the other day.
A tramp was brought up before a magistrate for trespassing and vagrancy.
"Why don't you do an honest job of work?" said the magistrate.
"I can't sir," he said, "I belong to a Society."
"What Society?" said the magistrate.
"The Amalgamated Sons of Rest," said the tramp.
I beg you to shun that Society as you would the plague. There is no more deplorable object than the man or woman who hasn't got enough to do.
There is so much work to be done in the world, whether paid or unpaid, that it is pathetic to think of anyone sitting twiddling his thumbs. We cannot all climb to the topmost branches of the tree of success but we can all do our job of work well and justifying our existence on this earth. I was reading a speech of Lord Reading's the other day. You may remember that he ran away to sea and went before the mast and eventually became Viceroy of India. In between those two incidents he was the most successful barrister in England and Chief Justice. When he was at the height of his legal success, he worked so hard that he could only allow himself four hours sleep.
"I have worked hard all my life," he said, "and I rejoice in it."
On Leaving School.
That's the point. You must rejoice in work and rejoice in play. About all it is no use to ask that you finish learning when you leave school. You are only beginning to learn and I do beg of you all to continue your studies and even to take up new ones in addition to any career you may adopt to earn your daily bread. Life must become richer and fuller as we grow older. We must not become mere money earning machines but we must enter into the world of art, literature and music more fully than in our school days.
Lucky Days.
Moreover, we must uphold the tradition of our old school, and endeavour by social service and useful citizenship of our own town and of the world as a whole. In this school I know that the Guide spirit is firmly planted and that, together with the Scout spirit, forms one of the greatest assets for moral influence, individual efficiency and the peace of the world. As Commissioner for this Colony I congratulate the 1st Kowloon Guide Company on winning the Prince of Wales' Banner in the last competition and I hope the Company will develop and prosper under the able leadership of Miss Buckwell.

Thrilling & Picturesque.
When one thinks of all the interest both in work and in play that make up school life nowadays, one realises how fortunate it is to live in the 20th century. Sometimes we look back to what people call the "good old days" and we find that a great portion of them was very bad indeed. The days of Elizabeth look very dashing and thrilling and picturesque, but we should have hated going to school then. I was reading a wonderful essay on education and education by that charming writer Montaigne, who lived in France in the sixteenth century.

He describes school as "a prison of captivated childhood" where "you hear nothing but whipping and bawling both of children tormented and masters despatched with anger and chafing." What a contrast nowadays. Montaigne goes on to say: "If it lay in me I would do as the Philosopher Spensippus did, who caused the pictures of Gladness, of Joy, of Flora and of the Graces to be set up about his school house."
Artistic Bias.
It is a pity Montaigne cannot have a glimpse of the Central British School. I was taught drawing and painting by the artist who first broke away from the old fashioned "copies" so dull and so cramping. His name was Mr. Cooke and I remember the consternation caused when I came home and said I had to draw a picture of the Signing of Magna Charta.
I remember one of my brothers asking me if my attempt was an advertisement for Keating's Powder.
Joking apart the system is an excellent one. It draws out originality, stimulates interest and also develops technique. I congratulate the school very warmly on its artistic bias.
And now I must say no more for you will be getting impatient. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale a well-deserved and happy holiday and continued success to the Central British School.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Headmaster's Plea for More Class-rooms.

As in all my reports of the past few years I must again emphasise our urgent need of extra class-rooms, a science lecture room, a manual instruction room, a common room for the staff, and a properly equipped kitchen and canteen for housewifery and cookery classes. The Technical Institute is now a very important part of the educational facilities provided by the Central British School, and these extensions are necessary if full advantage is to be taken of the opportunities offered for the development of continuation classes open to those over school age.
On leaving school boys and girls are apt to think that their serious education is completed, but education of some kind must go on all the time during life.
Big School of Character.
They do not yet feel the influence of the world, the big school that is continually giving lessons, influencing their outlook, their attitude, their character.
Before their stretch greater problems than those they solved at school. If they are wise they will not drift through life swayed by circumstances one way and another, as a rudderless ship is swayed by currents, but will realise, while the power and habit of application are strong within them, that they must still be studious and thorough. To those who do not desire to let slip the important years of youth and early manhood and womanhood we offer here facilities for further and more advanced studies.

Attendance.
The School was opened on 199 days. The maximum enrolment was 173, the average attendance during the whole year being 131.4, an increase of 18.4 over that of 1925. The highest monthly average was 151 in February, 130 in 1925—the lowest being 116 in September.
The attendance was generally good in spite of there being several cases of fever, malaria and dengue. For trivial reasons there were very few cases of absence, and I wish again to express my keen appreciation of the interest and co-operation of the parents in our efforts to inculcate the great, the invaluable principles of regularity and punctuality.
Staff.
Rev. G. E. S. Updell joined the staff in January, and Dr. Fenton and Mr. Mason in September. Rev. D. M. Richards left on home leave in January. Miss Taggart in July and Mr. Reagin in December. Mr. Jordan resigned his position as manual instructor in July.

Visitors.
The School was visited by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, accompanied by the Director of Education. Other visitors were Lady Clementi, the Inspectors of School, members of the Board of Education, teachers from New Zealand, Australia, and U.S.A., many parents and others interested in the School.
Medical Inspection.—The new entrants were medically examined by the M.O.S. who reported a fairly large number (18 out of 50) have some defect.
School Prospectus.—The School prospectus for 1927 has been published and I shall be pleased to send copies to all those interested in the education of British children in the Far East.

Charity.—Our students were again active in the cause of charity, assisting at the sale of poppies on Armistice Day, and at the annual sale of work of the Ministering Children's League. They also contributed to the Navy League fund in aid of the sufferers in the Wapiti incident. The girls of classes 3 and 4 continued their work in support of the London Hospital, a draft for \$21 being sent as the result of their labours.

Library.—Our thanks are again due to Mr. W. G. Joseph and Mr. E. B. Raymond for sending us illustrated magazines and periodicals, to Captain Muir for the National Geographic Magazine, and to the Director of the Royal Observatory for the daily weather charts.
Old Pupils' Association.
The membership increased during the year but there are still many old pupils who have not yet joined the Association. To them I appeal for their active support, so that the ties that bind them to their old School may not be broken.
At King's Park the Association now has tennis and hockey grounds opened in October, the Directors of Education being present.
During the year many social evenings, dances and bathing picnics were held.
The water polo team again secured second place in the league.
Girl Guides.—Interest in the School Troops was well maintained. The Captain, Miss Owen Hughes, and the Lieutenant, Miss Holyoak, resigned owing to their departure from the Colony, and the section is now under the temporary charge of Miss Wanklyn, a Commissioner from Hong Kong.

Games and Sports.

We again thank the committee of the Kowloon Football Club for granting us the use of their ground on three days a week for football and hockey, and the committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club for permission to play matches on their ground.

We have now splendid playing fields at King's Park and full use was made of them by those taking tennis, cricket, and hockey under the enthusiastic control of Mr. Rowell who organised a very full programme of games and reported as follows:—"On practically every fine school day some sport has been indulged in by the pupils." Swimming was again popular, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club permitting us to use the Dock bathing beach. J. Lyon and D. Kelly, of Class 3, competed in the Harbour Race, the former gaining fifth place in excellent time, 29 min. 56 sec. He also won the boys' 100 yards swimming championship of the Colony. We held our Annual Empire Day picnic at Castle Peak.

Physical instruction and boxing classes were held twice a week during the cooler months.

University Examinations.
The results obtained in the Matriculation examination were very satisfactory. For the first time in the history of the School a Matriculation honours certificate was awarded to one of our students, Mary Oliver, who also obtained distinction in English, a result reflecting great credit on the School. Of the four students of the Matriculation class three passed, one mentioned above, being awarded honours, and G. G. Edwards and J. Vickers gaining distinction in English.

Of Class 1 one student matriculated, and of Class 2 two passed, E. L. Hayes obtaining "distinction" in chemistry, the first student from C.B.S. to gain this distinction. The "Montargis French prizes" were won: Senior, Mary Oliver; Junior, E. L. Hayes.

Annual Examination.
The results of the annual examination of classes 3 to 6 were also very satisfactory, being much better than those obtained in 1925, a year of interrupted work. 106 children were examined of whom 81 per cent. passed, having obtained over 60 per cent. of the aggregate marks, those obtaining less than this not qualifying for promotion to a higher class.

I am especially pleased to be able to report a decided advance in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English Grammar, Literature, Composition, Drawing and Cookery.

Arithmetic was very well done, accuracy and neatness being noticeable, and the work being methodically arranged.

Algebra was good, especially in Class 4.

The Physics and Chemistry results promise well for the future.

Visitors to the School have been much impressed with the excellence of our laboratories, which, though small, are very well equipped.

Look Forward With Confidence.
We are at last in the happy condition of having in Classes 2 and 3 many who have progressed through Classes 5 and 4 at this School, and we can look forward, with confidence, to a year of more advanced work and to a further list of successes at the annual examination in 1927.

This is the first time, for many years, that we have had in Class 2 the Junior local examination class, more than 20 pupils, many of whom have been with us for at least three years. Some of these, however, may leave the Colony during the year, and it may be our unhappy lot, I might almost say our inevitable lot, to see, once again, the fruits of our labours reaped by other schools.

Encouragement From Home.
Although it is disappointing to lose promising children whom we have trained for several years, we are encouraged by the excellent results these attain in Home schools.
We frequently find that they are placed in classes where their ages are much below the average ages of the classes.
I should like to quote one particular criticism of a girl who entered a Home school a little while ago. The Head Mistress reports:—"Is promising in her work and business-like in tackling it." A business-like method of tackling work is what we aim at and it is most gratifying to feel that we are achieving it.

Royal Drawing Society.
At the annual examination in the various divisions held in June very good results were obtained. Two candidates, J. Hirst and J. Maycock, having gained Honours in all divisions, were awarded "Full" certificates, the first time in the history of the School, and I think of the Colony, that such certificates have been awarded. The general report of the Society stated: "A very good and well sustained result."

36 "Honours" and 53 "Pass" certificates were gained this year, showing the high standard of work that is being maintained. This examination is taken by all the British Schools here, and the following figures show the excellent results obtained this year:—
Number of pupils examined, 175.
Number of Honours certificates, 36.
Number of Pass certificates, 53.

Co-operation of Staff.
In conclusion, I thank all the donors of these prizes, and all the members of the staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support throughout the year, and I wish to express to you, Mrs. Southern, our deep appreciation of the honour you have conferred on Central British School by coming here this evening to distribute the prizes and to inspire us to carry on, to the utmost of our power, the important work of the education of British children in this Colony.

PRIZE LIST.

Certificates, Scholarships & Awards.

Matriculation: (Honours) M. Oliver (Distinction in English); (Passes) G. G. Edwards (Distinction in English); J. Vickers (Distinction in English); G. Arnold.
Junior Local: E. L. Hayes (Distinction in Chemistry); H. J. Smith.
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War Memorial Prize: M. Oliver.
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Scripture (presented by Rev. J. Horace Johnston): G. Arnold, E. Woolley.
History (presented by Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin): M. Oliver, S. MacNider.
Chemistry (presented by Mr. G. G. Wood): E. L. Hayes.
Geography (presented by Mr. G. G. Wood): J. Lyon.
Writing (presented by Mr. Nightingale): E. Lysaught.
Drawing Prizes: (1 presented by Messrs. Der A. Wing & Co.) J. Hirst; (2 holiday composition; presented by Miss Hall): 1st, G. Arnold; 2nd, R. Woolley, S. MacNider.

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A LOCAL DEBATE.

"PESSIMISM" DEFEATED BY "OPTIMISM."

LIVELY DISCUSSION.

After an interesting debate at St. Peter's Young Men's Club last night, a meeting of sixty young men (and lady friends) divided on the motion "That Experience Justifies Pessimism," the motion being defeated.
It was led by Mr. E. R. Price, seconded by Mr. P. Sands. The opposition was led by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, seconded by the Rev. W. R. Cannell.
The leader of the motion compared the opposition to youngsters sitting in a theatre in high spirits before the curtain was raised. It was a blessing that "these youngsters" (laughter) could not see what fate might have in store for them—sickness, poverty, mutilation, loss of sight or reason; if they could only see what an amount of suffering the sun shone on in its course they might begin to wonder whether it were not as well that on the earth as little as on the moon the sun were able to call forth the phenomena of life.

Pleasure And Pain.

The pleasure in the world, his opponents would say, outweighed the pain or at any rate that there was an even balance between the two. An old philosopher had aptly countered this when he asked his readers to test the truth of this statement by comparing the respective feelings of pleasure and pain of two animals one of which was engaged in eating the other.
In asking the meeting whether man had improved intellectually, Mr. Price referred to evidence regarding the Neanderthal man [Mr. Macdonald was understood to take exception to the pronunciation].
Mr. Price: The Neanderthal man could hardly have been a personal acquaintance of Mr. Macdonald's as he lived 60,000 years ago (laughter).
In conclusion, Mr. Price referred to the early civilisations and their culture. Man was getting nowhere. He was not improving intellectually or as a human being. If the highest aspirations of young China were realised, what reason had we to believe that Britain with China would not go the way of Persia, of Egypt, of Greece and of Rome.

"Safety Pins."

Mr. Macdonald caused considerable amusement when he referred to the definition of a pessimist as a man who wore a belt as well as braces. If Mr. Price was sincere in the picture he had drawn then in addition to belt and braces he might be said to have in his pocket a couple of safety pins and a bit of string (loud laughter).
Many years ago he had defined a pessimist to his own satisfaction as a person who looked on life through glasses smoked on both sides and spotted in the middle. Nothing he had heard from Mr. Price had inclined him to change his view (laughter). He quite agreed that there was much in civilisation that made the world almost a travesty. He had his own share of the toll, worry and labour that had been referred to as life, but he was there that night to say that he had more faith and hope in the future than he had ever had before.

With regard to the suggestion that an optimist was a man who did not weigh the possibilities of failure and was carried away by his own enthusiasm, that could surely not be held. A pessimist threw cold water on enthusiasm and an optimist whilst encouraging human endeavour was not blind to arming against eventualities.

After the seconds and Messrs. T. J. Price, Lee, Wittenbach and the Rev. N. V. Halward (Chairman) had spoken, the "house" divided.

CRUELTY TO CHILD CHARGE.

The Straits Chinese woman charged with assaulting a little servant girl at West Point was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

The police report that the girl who was alleged to have been thrown downstairs after being beaten was still not fit to attend Court.

A further remand was given until March 22.

A burglar entered the cook's quarters at No. 4 Ahmen Building, Tsinghai, yesterday and stole \$30 in notes.

G. Moss, G. Skelton, G. Spira, M. Wittchell, I. Woolley, Passes: M. Bach, F. Black, E. Byth, D. Egan, P. Everest, J. Frank, W. Goldart, J. Gourlay, A. Hynes, E. Moss, M. Ransphire, M. King, E. Lysaught.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

Housekeeping Questions Answered By Screen Stars.



Colleen Moore

Doris Kenyon

Mary Astor

Natalie Kingston

The intimate lives of the screen stars have always been a source of interest to the public, and for those who would like to know the details of the housekeeping of the players, the following questions and answers have been arranged by First National players:

Questions.

1. Do they (First National players) live in a hotel, studio apartment or home?
2. Are they interested in their housekeeping arrangements?
3. Do they order the food served them?
4. Do they ever prepare food themselves?
5. If so, what is their favourite food for this?
6. Are they famous for serving, and if so, what is their favourite menu?
7. Do they, like every other mortal, have occasional longings for certain dishes, such as corned beef and cabbage, steak and onions, or any other ordinary or extraordinary food?

Answers by Colleen Moore, First National Star.

1. I have my own home.
2. Decidedly! I love to plan menus, although I do not always do so.
3. I seldom have time to plan or supervise each meal, but I've trained the cook so well that only an occasional hint as to my varying appetite and palate cravings is sufficient. Then too, sometimes I like surprises.
4. Some of my friends insist that I prepare Southern dishes for them, and I often have great fun doing so.
5. Sweet potatoes (candied) and pork (roast, with mint and raisin sauce).
6. I can't claim any particular fame in this line. In general I simply try to cater to the tastes of any group of guests that I'm serving.
7. I have a weakness for garlic! But of course I seldom eat it, out of consideration for my fellow film players, particularly leading men.

Answers by Mary Astor, First National Featured Player.

1. At home, with a cook who knows real home cooking.
2. Very much so.
3. Always. We have regular consultations—the cook and I!
4. Frequently. And it's not out of a can either. Italian spaghetti is my favourite, but I always put tomato sauce in it, which is the Mary Astor variation.
5. See question 4.
6. Not famous, I'd say. But I plan menus very carefully when I'm

to have company. Usually we have country style dishes, as it's a "different" thing to do. Roast fowl, Irish potatoes and brown gravy, a variety of vegetables, corn on the cob and other rustic delights like that. Pumpkin pie, of course!

7. Usually it's for some very spiky or highly seasoned dish, which

FASHIONS BY RADIO.

Dress Design Through Air And A Cheque.

The Bank of France has received and accepted its first cheque transmitted by wireless.

It was sent by radiograph, and was the completion of a transaction whereby a dress, designed in Paris in the morning, was worn by the customer in the evening in the United States.

A design for a new gown, finished by 11 a.m., was photographed by noon in Paris, and a copy was sent by air mail to London.

Two hours later a radio picture of the design, complete in every detail, and with a few hundred words descriptive of cloth and trimmings, was wireless across the Atlantic. It was only the work of a few hours to produce the finished article.

GIRLS WHO SMOKE.

So general has smoking become with English women that many of the train carriages are now marked with a star for "Non-smoking," in distinction to the word "Smoking," which has distinguished the carriages for years.

But that there are plenty of non-smoking women is evidenced by the fact that a Non-Smokers' Society has been formed, to uphold the rights of non-smokers generally.

There are 26 aims and objects of the new society, and includes the following:—

To endeavour to prevent any increase in the number of theatres and music-halls where smoking is permitted.

To ensure proper provision for non-smokers in hotels, restaurants, and tea-shops, also in station waiting-rooms.

To secure legislation against the indiscriminate scattering of cigar and cigarette ash in public rooms, vehicles, and highways.

The society intends to issue a badge which will be worn by its members, to employ speakers and lecturers for urging a diminution of the smoke habit, and to establish a permanent headquarters in London.

I don't ordinarily indulge in. Also, at times I simply must "step out" for dinner at a Chinese chop-suey place, to satisfy a craving for chow mein and other dishes of that sort.

Answers by Doris Kenyon, First National Featured Actress.

1. I live at home, and have a cook, but eat "out" frequently for variety.
2. Just to the extent of keeping things running smoothly. There's an art to housekeeping and cooking and serving that I appreciate and try to maintain.
3. Usually I do order the food to be served. I do so more often when I am eating alone than with guests, for I eat lightly and my personal tastes are varying.
4. Occasionally I make salads and desserts, and other special dishes. The favourite number in my kitchen repertoire is a salmon salad with sweet and sour sauce, served cold.
5. Answered in number four.
6. No. When I do serve, it's usually a New England dinner of some sort, not because they're my weakness, but my cook's strong suit.
7. I should say so! For instance, I can't eat alligator pears very often, but I frequently get a craving for them. When I serve them, it's often as a salad, halved, with the seed but not the skin removed, and the filling inside in place of the seed, a la stuffed green pepper.

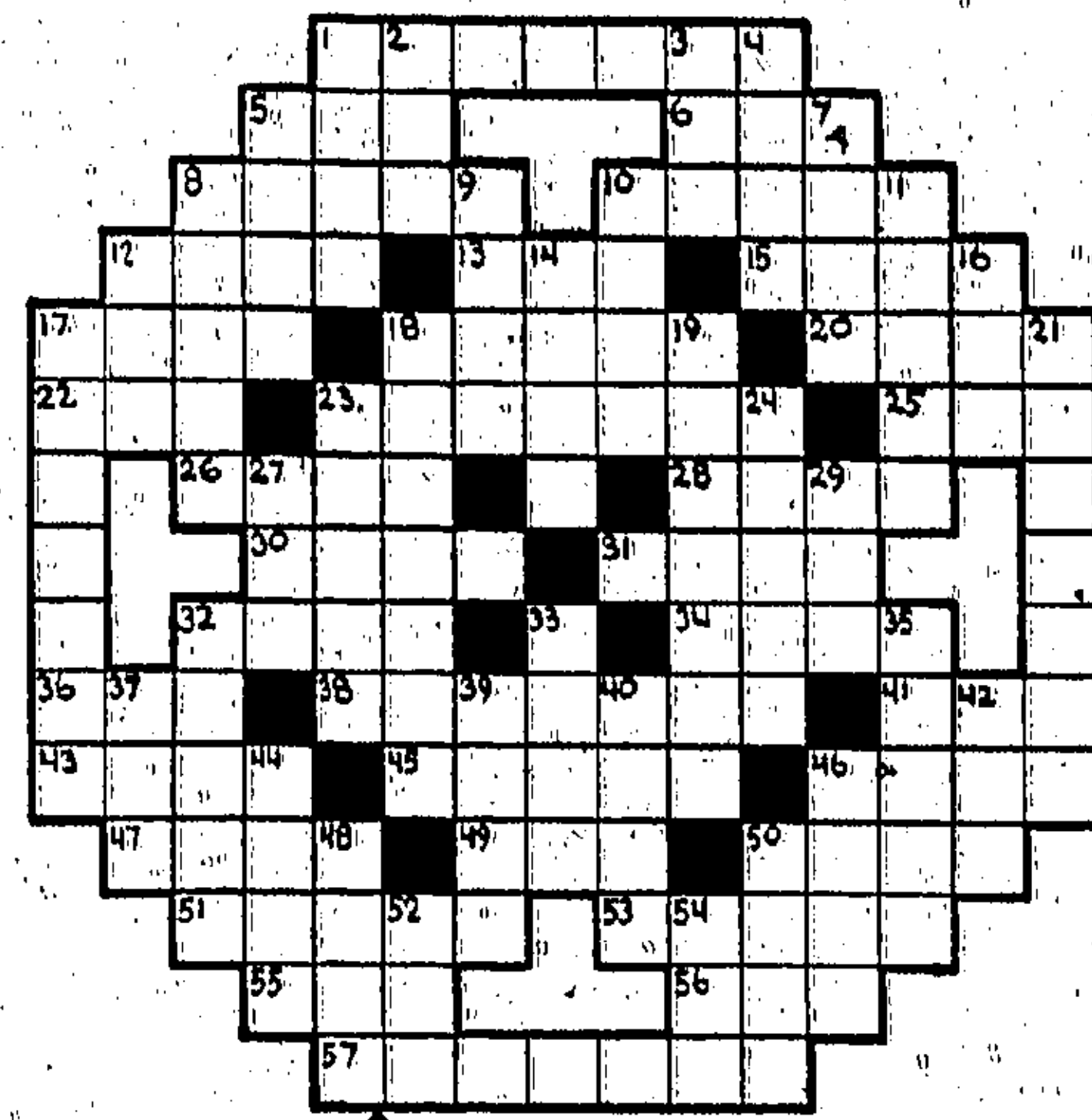
Salads, particularly those composed of uncooked materials, are particular favourites of mine. One I like very much is composed of prunes stuffed with marshmallows and pecans or walnuts, with mayonnaise dressing.

Answer by Natalie Kingston, First National Player.

1. Mother and I live in an apartment, but we have our own cook.
2. Very much so.
3. Yes—all of it. We collaborate on menus; the cook merely prepares the food.
4. Often. The cook has two days per week off, and mother and I alternate on preparing the meals those days. Also, we often cook Spanish food for the guests, with the help of the cook. I am of Spanish ancestry, and naturally we like some of the dishes of old Spain, and their Mexican variations.
5. Enchiladas, tortillas, and other Spanish dishes.
6. Among our own little circle, perhaps, for Spanish dinners.
7. Sometimes I have to have a gustatory spree on sweets, although for health's sake and to keep down weight, I don't eat much of them.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and all the rest.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-A nomad Arab
- 2-Pronoun
- 3-The upper extremity
- 4-An acute point
- 5-Sourly off
- 6-Monk's cowl
- 7-Famous general
- 8-U. S. Civil War
- 9-Lowest tide
- 10-Aid
- 11-Spiced dish of birds
- 12-Row
- 13-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 14-Chlo
- 15-No (Scotch)
- 16-Turn about
- 17-Pillage
- 18-Man's name
- 19-To condemn
- 20-Kind of cheese
- 21-To want
- 22-Sooner than
- 23-Six nymphs
- 24-Hastened
- 25-Roman emperor
- 26-Highway (pl.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 27-Famous German philosopher (D. 1804)
- 28-Measure of capacity
- 29-Mean-as-level (abbr.)
- 30-One
- 31-Exotic
- 32-Famous city of Prussia
- 33-Yea
- 34-Observe
- 35-Tanned animal hide
- 36-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 37-Chlo
- 38-No (Scotch)
- 39-Turn about
- 40-Pillage
- 41-Man's name
- 42-To condemn
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VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10-A vegetable
- 11-Pagan
- 12-Steam vessel
- 13-Land surrounded by water (pl.)
- 14-Source of reflex action
- 15-A west region of N. Africa
- 16-House
- 17-Boy
- 18-Unit
- 19-Weird
- 20-Ocean
- 21-Continuous outflow
- 22-Political party of U. S. (abbr.)
- 23-The Imperial City
- 24-Lazy
- 25-Innate
- 26-Sole
- 27-Part of the leg
- 28-Chinese coin
- 29-One who uses
- 30-One (Scotch)
- 31-Projection at rear of house (pl.)
- 32-Point of compass (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still other words. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

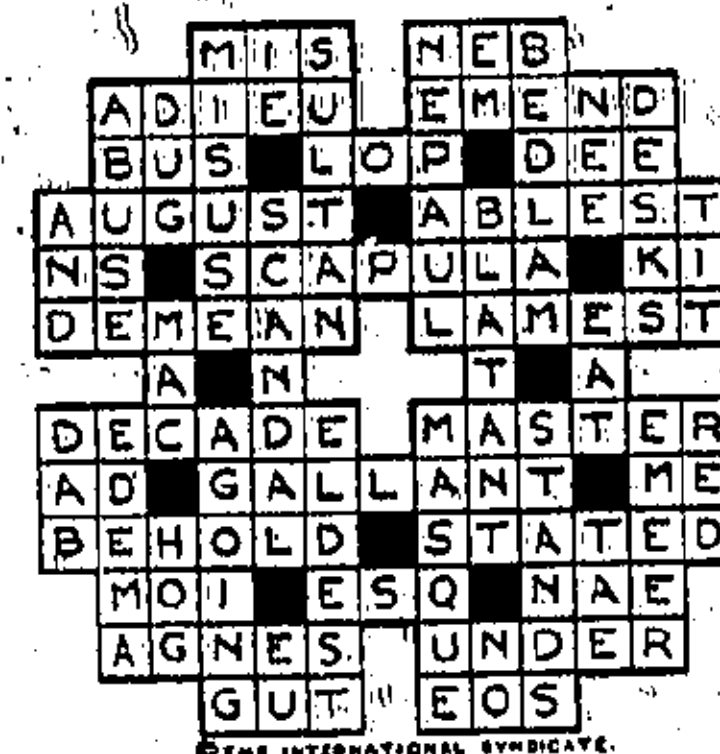
"HEEBIE-JEEBIES."

The Charleston and the Black Bottom will have to take a back seat now that the Heebie-Jeebies have invaded the ballroom.

The new dance made its first appearance in America, of course, and is said to be a combination of shivering, hopping, and stamping, resembling war dances of the Red Indians. It would seem that anybody who tries to keep warm on a bitter cold day would be doing the very latest ballroom steps!

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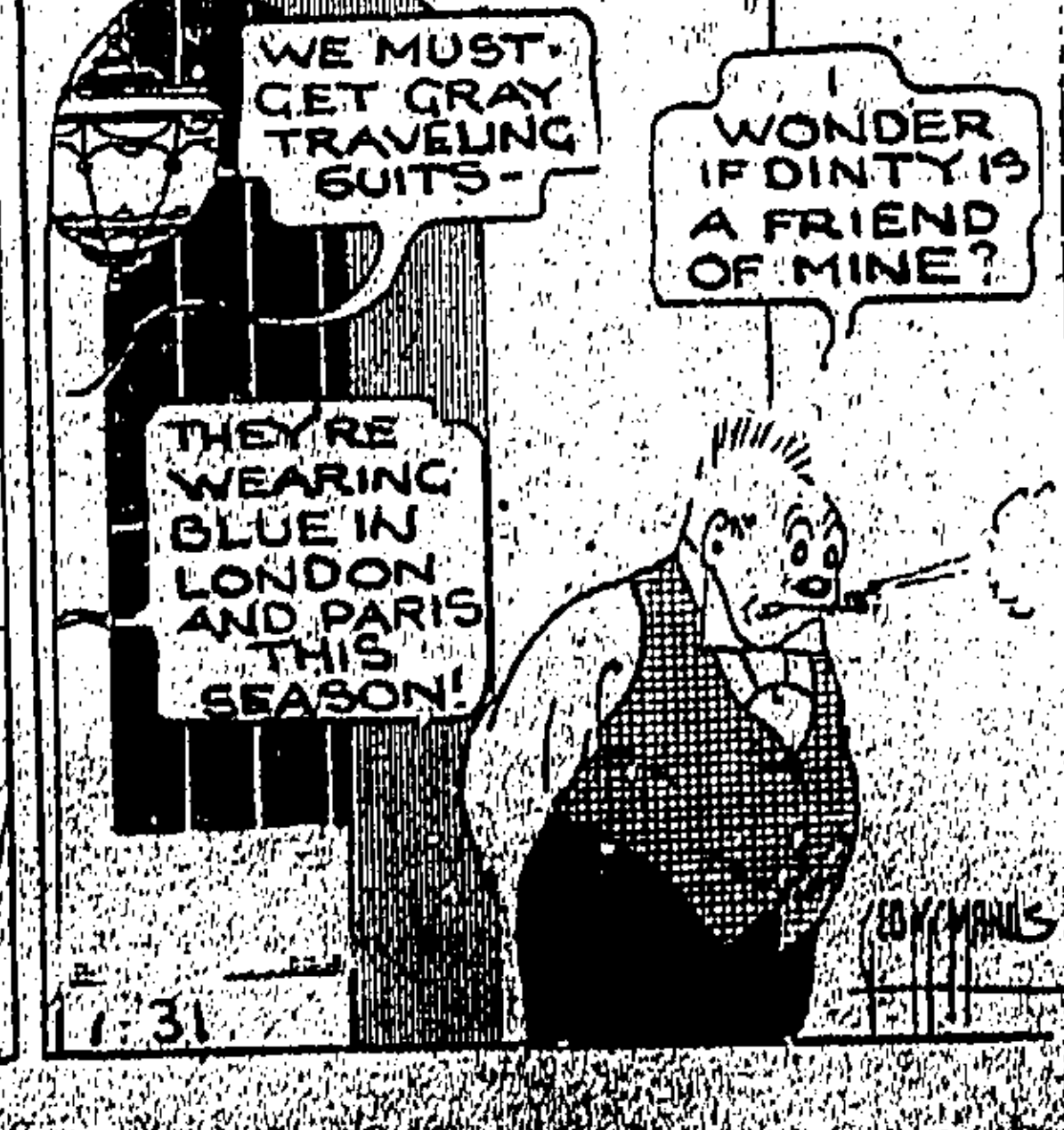
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Samuel Thomas Hopkins, aged 14, a pupil, died suddenly in Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Carmarthen.

There were again no prisoners for trial at the Rutlandshire Assizes, which has had a clean crime sheet for the last two years.

Three men were killed and four injured through a boiler bursting at the Downlands ironworks of Messrs Guest, Keen & Nettlefold at Cardiff.

A Chinese Famille-verte vase, enamelled with kyllins and flowering trees in panels, 17½ inches high, Kang-Hsi period, realised £202 10s. at Messrs. Christie's.

Mr. Alfred William Ewart Wort has been appointed a puisne judge of the high court of judicature at Patna in place of the late Sir John A. S. Bucknill.

A Lloyd's Algiers message says that a lifeboat and ship's gear of the Greek steamer "Odysseus," overdue, are reported to have been washed ashore near Philippeville, Algeria.

A pupil at the L.C.C. school in Benthall Road, Stoke Newington, N., John Gay Whajite, is, it is claimed, a direct descendant of John Gay, the 18th century author of "The Beggar's Opera."

As a memento the United States has just received part of the lighting conductor, known as Franklin's Rod, St. Paul's Cathedral, which will be placed in the Museum of Peaceful Arts in New York.

Miss Alice Gertrude Hutchinson, of Beeston, Nottinghamshire, who has been staying at Eastbourne for some months, was seen early to wade into the sea and disappear, and later her body was recovered.

Mr. Frank Rose, Socialist M.P. for North Aberdeen, who has been superseded as a candidate for that constituency, has been informed that his membership of the Socialist Party in Parliament is not in the meantime affected.

An order was made for two dogs to be kept under proper control when Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was summoned in respect of an Alredale and an Irish terrier worrying sheep in a field at Rotherfield, near Tunbridge Wells.

A painting hanging in the hall of Peterborough Palace was considered for many years to be that of Bishop Chambers, first Bishop of Peterborough, but it has now been found to be that of William of Waynflete, Bishop of Winchester, 1447.

A record flight was made by a freight-carrying aeroplane on the service from Paris to Brussels says the Brussels correspondent of the "Morning Post" and "The Scotsman." The aeroplane covered the 275 kilometres between the two capitals in 1 hour 3 minutes.

"Looks like an Irishman, talks like a Welshman and his mother is a Spaniard," was the description given by the police to the Bath magistrates regarding a man, charged with begging, who was stated to have had 12 expulsion orders made against him as an alien.

At Dublin, the State intimated that it had abandoned the prosecution in the case of Messrs. Ford and Downing lessee and operator, in connection with "the Drumcollogher, Co. Limerick, cinema fire, as it was stated that the object of the prosecution had been attained by the warning publicly given.

The prohibition law in the United States was stated by the Official Receiver at the London Bankruptcy Court to be the immediate cause of the failure of the Frank Jones Brewing Company, Ltd., of Broad Street Avenue, E.C., and America, whose total deficiency with regard to shareholders, was \$1,081,108.

Professor Charles Mourou, a well-known scientist, explained at a public meeting, says a Central News (Paris) correspondent, that he has invented a composition which he calls anti-oxygen, with which he claims he can treat rubber so as to preserve its elasticity.

About thirty defendants whose names were taken in the police raid on the Kit-Kat Club were dealt with at Marlborough Street Police Court, London, on January 23, as frequenters and consumers. In the majority of instances a fine of £10 was imposed, and in a number of others 25.

On Sunday in mail week the Rev. J. Irving Brown, minister of the Scottish Church at Rotterdam, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his coming to Holland, says an Exchange (Amsterdam) message. He was the recipient of cordial congratulations from members of the British colony and Dutch clergy.

Mr. Alfred Woodward, taxicab driver, of Ravenscroft Road, Beckenham, died suddenly while standing in Waterloo Station.

Mr. Richard Somerset, aged 80, the oldest exhibiting member of the Manchester Academy of Fine Arts, has six pictures in the exhibition.

Mr. Justice Russell resumed his duties in the Chancery Division after a long absence through illness and was welcomed by a large gathering of barristers.

As the tide receded at Southampton, Harry Lyne, an unemployed shop assistant (single), was discovered dead lying on the mud near the Town Quay.

Harold Waters, aged 20, an engine tester, who lodged in Hartley Road, Luton, was found shot dead in an L.M.S. Railway train at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, City Station.

Mr. Walter Russell Rea, son of the Right Hon. Russell Rea, Liberal member for Scarborough from 1906 to 1918, has been adopted as prospective Liberal candidate for the Taunton Division.

Mrs. Santhier, wife of Mr. F. A. Santhier, attached to the British Embassy in Paris, gave birth to a boy on the cross-channel steamer "Biarritz" whilst the steamer was held up in Boulogne Harbour owing to dense fog.

YOUR ILL-HUMOUR

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PINKETTES KEEP YOU WELL.

Notice have been posted in Wolverton Railway Works announcing that full time will be resumed. About 4,000 are affected by the order.

Frederick Smith (10), of Lamb Lane, Greenwich, was knocked down by a motor-car in London Street, East Greenwich, and seriously injured.

While motor-cycling at Hatfield Peverel, Essex, Walter Edward Borrer, aged 17, a student of Woodland House, Snaresbrook, collided with a motor-car and was killed.

The steamer "Fox," 189 tons gross, built in 1869, which is reported to have foundered in Havre Roads during a gale, was one of the pioneer vessels of the screw era.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board has approved an extra payment of 2s. 6d. per week to the porter at Grove Park Hospital to shave and cut the hair of patients.

Detectives entering an out-house at Blackrock, near Cork, found over a ton of illegally-taken salmon packed in ice, and apparently ready for shipment to England when the season on the River Lee opens. The salmon is valued at several hundred pounds.

An increase of 1s. per week in the wages of carters and motor drivers in Scotland was made from the first pay-day in February. This agreement was reached at a meeting of the Joint Industrial Council for the road transport industry in Scotland, held in Glasgow.

The Camberwell Public Health Committee have recommended that Dr. Eleanor Gorrie, assistant tuberculosis officer, should act in the tuberculosis officer's place during his absence on sick leave, and that Dr. Margaret Darroch, of Sydenham, be appointed locum assistant.

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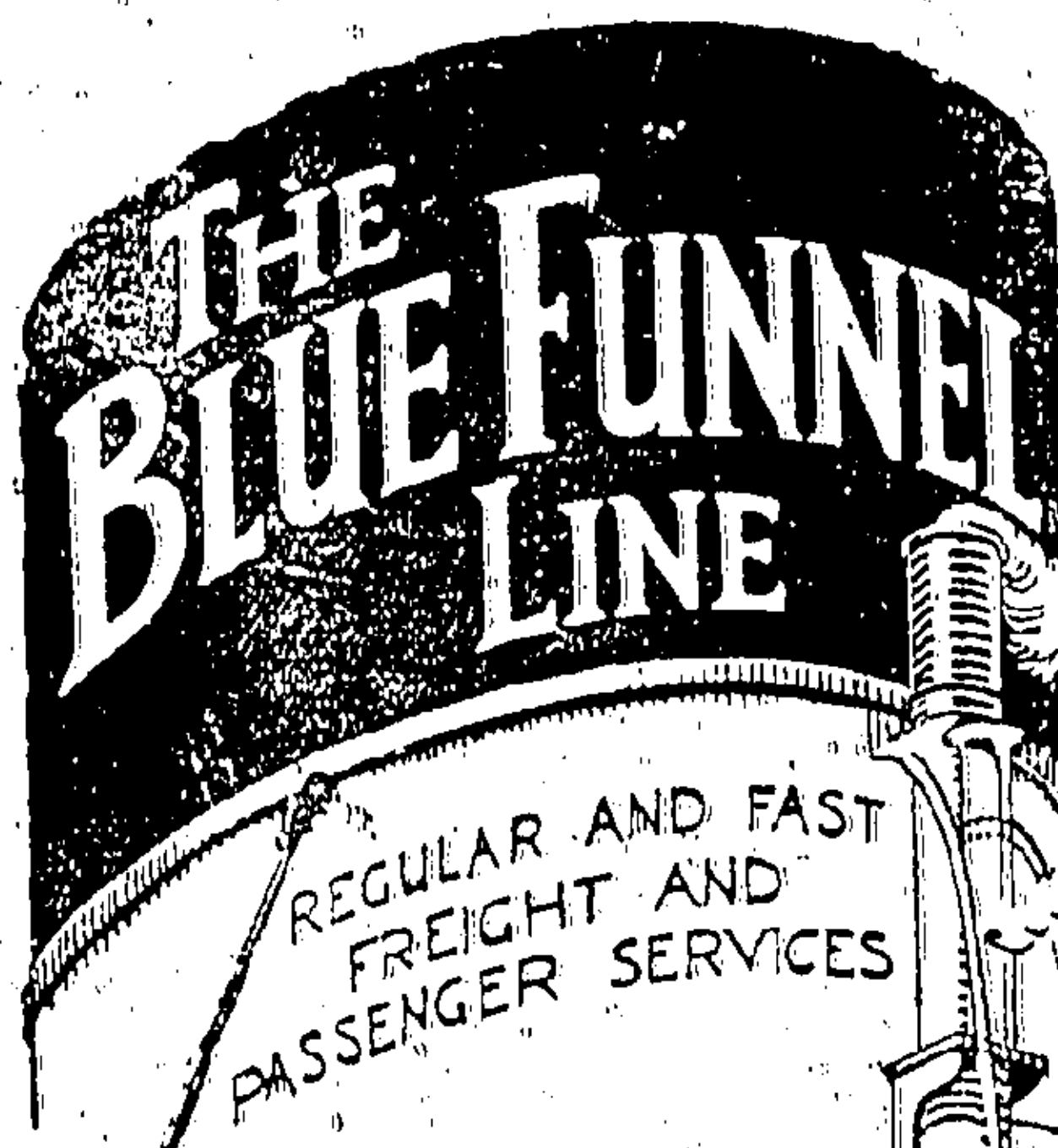
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

LIST OF SHIPS EXPECTED TO BE IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG TO-DAY

General Metzing, Sinking, Empress of Canada, Mongolia, Kumsang, Parthia, Khyber, Noachow, Chihua, Titaroom, City of Calcutta, Hongkong, Kiangchow, Tjikandi, Durban Maru, Amazon Maru, Amur Maru, Penang Maru, Aki Maru, Bankura.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

RADIO TELEGRAMS may now be accepted for Kongmoon under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

INWARD MAILS.

From	THURSDAY, MARCH	Per
Saigon	17	General Metzing.
Shanghai	18	Sinking.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, & Shanghai	18	Empress of Canada.
Japan & Shanghai	18	Mongolia.
Australia & Manila	19	Aki Maru.
Straits	19	Calchas.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers London 17th Feb. & parcels 10th Feb.)	20	Devanha.
Straits	20	Fooksang.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	21	Pres. Madison.
Straits	22	Atsuta Maru.
Japan	23	Tango Maru.
Japan & Shanghai	25	Haruna Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, MARCH	Per
*Manila & parcels for Germany via	16	
Hamburg		3.30 p.m.
Sandakan		3.30 p.m.
Manila		3.30 p.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America "Canada		
via San Francisco—due San		
Francisco 10th April. Parcels 1		
p.m. Registration 3.45 p.m.		
Letters 4.30 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		4 p.m.
Saigon		5 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH	17	
Swatow		8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong		8.30 a.m.
Swatow		1.30 p.m.
Straits		2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via		
Siberia		2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand		
via Thursday Island—due Thurs		
day Island 28th March. Parcels		
5 p.m. Registration (18th) 8.45		
a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		
FRIDAY, MARCH	18	
Straits, Lousanco, Marques & South		
Africa		10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia		10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		
S. & S. Africa—due Egypt &		
Europe via Marseilles—due Thurs		
day 15th April. Parcels 5		
p.m. Registration (19th) 9.45		
a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
Mongolia.		

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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BOAT RACE.

Varsity Women's First Venture.

A Victory for Oxford.

Rugby, March 15.
The women of Oxford and Cambridge Universities today rowed their first boat race. The race, which took place on Isis at Oxford, was on a narrow line, the crews starting at different times.

The course was half a mile long, and the crews were judged on style, while rowing down the river and on speed while rowing back. Two umpires awarded equal points for style, and the race went to Oxford for speed.

Oxford's time was 3 minutes 36.2 seconds, and Cambridge's 3 minutes 51 seconds.

The race was watched by a large crowd of men undergraduates who ran along the towpath cheering the crews.—British Wireless Service.

INDIA'S ARMY.

Assembly Rejects Entire Estimate.

New Delhi, March 16.

The Assembly rejected by 66 to 47 votes the entire Army Estimate as a protest against the slow process of Indianisation of the Army, the high military expenditure, non-publication of the Sandhurst committee report on the training of Indians for military commissions, and the transfer of Aden to the British Government without consulting the Indian Legislature.

The Commander-in-Chief, General Birdwood, declared that the Army had been so reduced that it was unable to spare more than four divisions for outside service compared with eight before the war.—Reuter.

LADY BITTEN BY DOG.

Miss Iris Lepack, living at No. 6 Excelsior Terrace, was yesterday bitten by a dog owned by her neighbour. She went to the General Civil Hospital for treatment while the dog was taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

RUMOURS QUASHED.

GERMANY'S FOREIGN MINISTER UPHELD.

SAAR DECISIONS APPROVED.

Berlin, March 15.
Rumours that Nationalist Ministers intended to demand Dr. Stresemann's resignation have been effectively quashed by the action of the Cabinet, which, after hearing a statement by the For-



GUSTAV STRESEMANN

eign Minister, unanimously approved the attitude of the German delegation at Geneva.—Reuter.

A Berlin cable dated March 13 stated: The Press is not enthusiastic with regard to the Saar decision, regarding which the extreme Nationalist journals sharply criticise Dr. Stresemann. The "Deutsche Zeitung" demands that Germany quit the League and Dr. Stresemann resign.

FRANCE AND 3-POWER PACT.

Paris, March 15.
The United States has addressed to France a new Note indicating the acceptance of England and Japan of the invitation to participate in a naval disarmament parley at Geneva in June and requesting that France be represented. France will likely only send an observer.—Havas.

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NOTICES.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Please note as from 18th inst. our address will be:—
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Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock NOON on SATURDAY, the 19th of March, 1927.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

EXTRA MEETINGS have been fixed provisionally for the following dates:—

26th March.
16th and 18th April.
7th May.
4th and 6th June.
25th June.
8th and 10th October.
5th November.
26th November.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 16th, 1927.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 29th March, 1927, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 26th March, 1927 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF The China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the Thirtieth day of March, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the Twenty-first day of April, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

Dated the 12th day of March, 1927.
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